

Grand Lodge Cabinet

Decides Upon Houston

For Home of State Temple

Houston Informer

Texas

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According to vote and action taken by the cabinet of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth of Texas, Houston will be the home of the state temple and an imposing building will be erected in the business heart of this city in the near future.

This idea, suggested by Grand Master Goree at the last grand lodge held here, has met the hearty and instantaneous approval of practically every lodge in the jurisdiction and with vote also went plenary power to the cabinet or committee, both to select the place, contract for the building, etc.

The meeting held here last Saturday at the Odd Fellows hall on Crosby Street, decided that Houston was the best city in Texas for the location of the building and to that end a special committee was appointed to close the deal for local property and contract for the erection of the temple.

Grand Master Goree, who has given much time and attention to the building project, stated that he wanted the Odd Fellows to erect the best and most imposing temple of any race fraternity in the state.

At the Saturday meeting talks were made by Dr. B. J. Covington, C. F. Richardson and Mr. T. F. Loftus, white realtor and capitalist, after which the committee decided that Houston was the logical place for the temple and by unanimous vote agreed to

locate the building in "heavenly Houston."

The building, as planned, will be four stories, with basement, roof garden, steam heat, hot and cold water in each suite of rooms, double elevator service, auditorium on fourth floor with seating capacity of 2,000. The second and third floors will be devoted to office space, while the first or ground floor will be utilized for business concerns. Offices of grand lodge officers will also be located in the structure.

A deal is now pending for the purchase of the property and as soon as all details are worked out, dirt will begin to fly and Houston will certainly be on the map.

Those who attended the Saturday meeting: Hon. H. G. Goree, grand master, Texarkana; Prof. J. P. Starks, grand secretary, Dallas; Prof. B. Y. Aycock,

Odd Fellows

grand treasurer, San Antonio; J. H. Riddle, treasurer and endowment secretary, respectively. J. H. Riddle, endowment secretary, Denison; A. H. Mims, grand director, Calvert; Prof. David Abner, Jr., grand district most noble governor H. H. of R., Houston; Mrs. Julia Frazier, deputy district most noble grand, Dallas; Mrs. G. C. Houston, grand worthy recorder, Houston; P. A. Hill, district supervisor, Austin; Prof. W. H. S. Seals, district supervisor, Rusk; Prof. Waldo J. Matthews, district supervisor, Sillsbee; Prof. Virgil Goree, private secretary to the grand master and district supervisor.

Several other local propositions were submitted to the committee, but they were turned down, the officials deciding that it would be poor business policy to purchase some old building and after spending a huge sum of money in improving it, it would not then be what they wanted.

For that reason they decided to purchase vacant property and erect a building according to their own ideas and in keeping with the high standing of the order. A committee consisting of Grand Master H. G. Goree, Prof. G. W. Jackson and Prof. David Abner, Jr., deputy grand master and most noble governor of the Household of Ruth, respectively, has been appointed to secure the services of a colored architect to draw the plans and specifications for the building and it is hoped to use practically all colored labor in the construction of this state temple here.

This decision and action of the official family of the Odd Fellows will set at rest all current rumors regarding the "probable" site and erection of a handsome and imposing structure in Houston, and, when the edifice is completed, it will mark the crowning event to the career of Grand Master Goree, who has given the temple project much time and consideration. When he assumed charge of the order several years ago, it was in an almost insolvent condition, while today the order is in a prosperous and healthy condition and has nearly \$300,000 on hand in the endowment fund.

The Informer commends the cabinet of the Odd Fellows for employing such keen business foresight in locating their temple

Down Town Location Secured

To Accommodate State Temple;

Modern Building To Be Built

Houston Tex. Informer

4/1/22

It now appears that Houston will be the home of the state temple of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth of the Texas jurisdiction, as the committee met here during the week and "talked shop" and at hour of writing this article earnest money was being posted on the Loftus property, which measures 100x100 feet and is located at the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Louisiana Street.

This piece of property is situated in the very heart of the colored business district and is less than two blocks from the city hall and one block from the City Auditorium. As a matter of fact, it is in the heart of the business section of the city without regard to race.

Diagonally across from this site is located the Hogg building, consisting of seven stories, which cost around three-quarter of a million dollars, while the Lincoln Theatre, South's finest colored playhouse, is just a few steps east of the site of the Odd Fellows are purchasing. It is currently reported that this downtown site will cost the Odd Fellows about \$85,000.

The committee having the purchase of this property in hand consisted of Hon. H. G. Goree, grand master; B. Y. Aycock and

in Houston, for no city in Texas offers the opportunity for revelations of the special train and rode "Jim Crow" into San Antonio. This is just another proof of the fact that many of us must be educated up to concerted action. If it were possible these "brothers and sisters" should be made to feel the sting of popular disgust. They are of the kind who keep us back.

Attorney W. M. C. Dickson, race barrister, has been employed to look into and examine the title to the local property and if the title is clear and unclouded, the original payment will be made and property transferred to the grand lodge of the order, through its regularly appointed and duly authorized officials.

Several local Odd Fellows and Ruthites labored untiringly and unceasingly to bring the state temple to Houston and their efforts have been amply rewarded. Those who took a leading part in pushing Houston's claims were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hart, Dr. B. J. Covington, Editor C. F. Richardson, et al.

SPECIAL TRAINS AND BETTER ACCOMODATIONS.

One of the contributing causes of the pleasantness of the Grand Lodge at San Antonio was the fact that travel for the delegates was made comfortable and pleasant by the special trains from North and South Texas which bore them to and fro.

Certainly it is true that for once the payment of railroad fares by Negroes guaranteed to them comfortable accommodations. The Grand Chancellor is to be commended for his splendid arrangement.

Consideration of this instance leads us to wonder if it is not possible to obtain better railroad accommodations for Negroes in Texas. The outstanding curse of Jim Crow accommodations is that they do not provide even the cleanliness and comfort to which human beings are accustomed.

Arguments for better accommodations not backed by facts are and always have been futile. Vituperation and abuse will not mend matters. But it does seem that an appeal to the railroad managements in terms of the money lost by inferior accommodations might bring results.

It is estimated that the value of the two Pythian Specials to the M. K. and T. railway was about \$10,000. The business was given to that road because it offered the best accommodations to the travellers.

\$10,000 is a sum which commands respect even with a railroad.

There are at least six different Grand Lodge gatherings held in Texas to which special trains could be run.

\$60,000 a year is enough to cause even the most callous business man to bestir himself.

Could it not be that the heads of the various fraternities, the pastors, heads of conferences, etc., could obtain statistics to prove the value to railroad companies of Negro patronage and by such argument enlist the support of the officials in securing better accommodations? It at least is worth a trial.

It is significant that at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. Moten should have been chosen to deliver the principal address. His speech was appropriate, logical and well fitted to the occasion and we all take pride in the fact that our group was recognized thus. It is nothing more than should be of course but we have become so unaccustomed to proper procedure in our regard that its appearance often provokes surprise.

Good authority has it that a portion of the Houston delegation to the Grand Lodge of Pythians refused the better accomo-

Again the Negroes in Texas are challenged by the "lily whites" who declare that the G. O. P. does not welcome them. What will be done about it?

Bills may come and bills may go, but lynching goes on forever.

Peter Ogden Helped Form Odd Fellows

Spent His Life Trying to Put Order Into Better Shape

No account of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States could be complete without a mention of Peter Ogden, observes the June Crisis. As it happens no account of Peter Ogden would be possible without mention of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows for unfortunately very little is known of him save his connection with that order. But that connection was of a nature so far-reaching and so important that the telling of it makes an interesting story.

As far back as 1842 a group of Colored men constituting the Philomathean Literary and Musical society of New York City organized a new association whose purpose was to gain from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows a distinction to form a lodge. Ulysses B. Vidal, James Fields and other illustrious members of this organization waited as a committee on the grand master of the Independent Order and proffered their request.

Color Bar

They were flatly refused and refused without a doubt on account of color.

Into the midst of these negotiations Peter Ogden—for all that one is able to learn of his early life—dropped like a bolt from the blue. He was already at this date a man of considerable training, apparently self-taught, and he had added to this the experience which comes from having frequently crossed the seas. But more than that he was a man of decided convictions and "noted for his earnestness in any cause he undertook." In some way he became acquainted with the purpose of the members of the Philomathean institute and from the outset strove to influence them against petitioning the Independent (American) Order

of Odd Fellows. It was much better, he assured them, to be connected with England and the Grand United Order and to enjoy thereby the benefits accruing from association with the fountain-head. He himself already belonged to the English order through affiliation with lodge No. 448 in Liverpool.

Get Dispensation

Upon the refusal of the Independent order the committee of the Philomathean institute deputized Peter Ogden to negotiate with his Liverpool lodge for a dispensation. The lodge undertook to secure this and got in touch with the committee of management at the headquarters in Leeds who promptly granted the required dispensation. Thus was established Philomathean lodge No. 646, New York, March 1, 1843. Furthermore the committee of management authorized Peter Ogden, destined to be grand master of the Philomathean lodge, to act as their representative in America and in this capacity to take charge of all matters there pertaining to the Grand United order.

Peter Ogden undoubtedly had a flair for the exercise of administrative power. In the ten years which lay before him he established a sub-committee of management, organized a past grand masters' chapter, resolved difficulties, soothed contentions that rose among the new lodges which began to spring up everywhere, and crushed the doubts and prejudices which the Independent Order of Odd Fellows undertook to sow among the Grand United Order of England.

He died in 1852 convinced that he had initiated a great progressive movement. Not even this splendid vision, I dare say, had dreamed of the remarkable growth of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America which boasts 10,000 branches and nearly 500,000 members.

The record of his services is a lesson in organization.

ODD FELLOWS RE-ELECT EDWARD H. MORRIS

B. M. C. At Cleveland Also Keeps
Jesse Nicholas As Grand

Afro-American 9/22/22
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Edward H. Morris, of Illinois, was elected grand master by Odd Fellows in their twentieth B. M. C., which closed here Saturday.

Other officers elected were Dr. I. L. Roberts, of Massachusetts, deputy grand master; Jas. F. Needham, of Pennsylvania, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley, of Virginia, grand treasurer. The grand directors are B. V. Baranco, of Louisiana; Jesse L. Nicholas, of Maryland; Robert T. Thomas, of Florida; James F. Adair, of New York, and George H. Pugh, of South Carolina. The grand auditors are James M. Miller, of New Jersey; Chas. S. Hill, of the District of Columbia, and Jacob E. Reed, of Ohio.

Delegates numbered over 100 from Maryland and were headed by Hezekiah Brown. Rev. C. W. Pullen was chaplain.

The convention sent a telegram to President Harding expressing sympathy and prayer for Mrs. Harding.

Statistical report of the Order shows 8,225 lodges, 6,000 Household, 162 Juveniles, 700,000 members and property worth \$2,145,185. Sick and death benefits paid during the year amounted to \$225,140.

The Convention selected Pittsburgh for its 1924 meeting.

Woodmen of Union In Annual Session

Savannah Tribune
MANY DELEGATES ATTEND ANNUAL CONVENTION

(By Alton L. Holsey)

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 2—A fraternal organization which advocates the bath, the screen and fresh air may not be new "under the sun" but the slogan "clean homes, clean bodies, clean lives" has helped to make the Woodmen of Union one of the strongest orders of its kind in the country.

In spite of the railroad strike, some thing more than 2000 delegates representing 1200 local lodges in the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and Missouri gathered here this week for the annual Grand Lodge Session, and the dedication of the \$150,000 Hospital and Bath House was the outstanding feature of the week's proceedings.

On Wednesday evening at Visitors Chapel A. M. E. church the addresses of welcome were delivered: Dr. C. M. Wade extending the welcome on behalf of the citizens; Prof. R. C. Barrow on behalf of the churches and Prof. S. M. Wyatt on behalf of the local fraternal organizations. Prof. G. S. Goodman of Holly Springs, Miss., the Supreme Vice President responded on behalf of the visitors and he took occasion to tell something of the achievement of the organization during the past six years.

President Kendall's Annual Address

Dr. E. A. Kendall the Supreme President in his annual address reviewed the past record of the organization and in contrast with the records of previous years he stated that it was a "source of pride to the order and to the race" that inspite of unsettled economic conditions throughout the country the Woodmen Union had made most remarkable progress this year.

He praised the deputies and field organizers for their "honest, efficient and loyal co-operation in the management of the affairs of the order this year." The local lodges through their officers "have rendered a most helpful service" in keeping their records

accurately: in spreading the doctrine of "Love, Truth and Justice" for which the organization stands and for enabling the W. O. U. to stand for "law and order" and for co-operation between the two races.

Continuing Dr. Kendall said: "We are struggling and working not alone for the present but for unborn generations for this race of ours which must eventually take its place along side of other races who have fought, bled and conquered. As a race we have no cause to despair when we think of the melting pot thru which other peoples and races have passed. Rather than despair let us be mindful of the things which concern us personally. Let us be careful of our conduct with reference to our relations the one with the other. Let us more accurately consider and more diligently ponder the truth contained in 'As ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so unto them.' Let us settle within ourselves once and for always this question and that is if creditable efforts of, for, and by my people are to meet with success it will have to come absolutely and entirely thru my people. Each individual must know that the future hope of the children which they have brought into the world, the aims and ambitions of a struggling race depends entirely upon their own loyalty to the principles for which we are contending and to the amount of co-operation shown to every worthy effort put forth by our own race.

The Custodian's Report

John L. Webb, the Supreme Custodian of the organization, was recently elected Treasurer of the National Negro Business League and his annual report showed that the Woodmen of Union have assets amounting to \$433,000 and that \$20,000 has been paid out this year in sick and death claims to members. "Our organization" said Mr. Webb, "was never in better financial condition than at present" and the members gave frequent evidence of their appreciation of Mr. Webb's service to the order. The committee appointed to review the custodian's report said: "Any organization among any people that can in six years turn a \$5000 deficit into a credit balance of \$206,000 and during the same period pay out \$610,000 in

sick and death claims is worthy of the confidence and support of the best people everywhere." "All of that is the work of John L. Webb" said one of the speakers, "for he took charge of the order when it had no money and a mere handful of members and has made it one of the outstanding orders of the race."

Dedication of the Hospital

The Woodmen Hospital and Bath House was completed and began serving the public about three months ago but the formal dedication took place Thursday, August 31.

Most of the members of the order had not seen the building until this week and it was a genuine experience to sit in the elegantly appointed lobby and watch the delegates march thru "their building." "I declare to gracious, it sure is grand" remarked one elderly "Sister" as she passed slowly thru the upper hallway turning first to this way and then to the other. Still another over heard comment deserves mention here because it came from "a withered old man" who registered from a small town in one of the "rich agricultural" states. The old man was undoubtedly bewildered at what he saw. Even his noiseless tread upon the linoleum in the hallway appeared to perplex him and when he reached the second floor and passed thru the parlor where a young woman was playing the piano and others were seated nearby in the deep-enveloping and richly upholstered chairs; it was quite too much for him. "I'm glad to see you young folks enjoy yourselves" said the withered old man. "Case, whar I come from dey wouldn't let niggers—" a crowd of delegates surged past at that moment and the old man was swept along with the crowd and his sentence was unfinished but its significance was not lost to me. After that I watched for the "withered old man" in the audience at the regular lodge sessions because his reactions interested me. At one of the evening sessions some one was praying fervently that our race might be saved from mob violence and lynching and I saw the "withered old man" take his soiled red handkerchief from the pocket of his ill-fitting coat and wipe away the tears.

But to come back to the dedication of the building: The 2000 delegates and a large number of local citizens gathered in front of the hospital and after devotional exercises by Rev. E. J. Lunnon of Forrest City, Ark., the Supreme Chaplain of the organization, Dr. E. A. Kendall, the Supreme President introduced Rev. L. S. Overall of Little Rock, Ark., who delivered the dedicatory address.

Rev. Overall said: "We are proud to be able to witness and participate in this dedicatory service today, for it means not only the formal dedication of a building but it means the dedication of our organization to the sick and afflicted of our race. When we think that our race started fifty years with no name and no homes we must take great satisfaction and pride in this building which represents the achievement of Negro brains and Negro skill.

Service To Its Members

The members of the Supreme Lodge took a very forward step when they pledged to contribute \$2.00 each per year as an endowment for the hospital. This will enable the hospital to conduct free clinics and to treat the members of the order in the hospital without cost. Dr. Jno. E. Eve the Supreme Medical Director told of his plan for making the hospital a real service to the race and to the members of the organization. He also told of the proposed training school for nurses which is to be conducted at the hospital. Dr. Eve is a young man of splendid promise and is rapidly building up a reputation in the middle west as a surgeon. Various members of the order volunteered expressions of appreciation of the hospital and of the fact that the building had been erected without any extra assessments on the members.

Committees

The following committees were appointed at the opening session: Committee on Custodian's report, Prof. W. H. Townsend, Pine Bluff, Ark., Chairman; Committee on the President's address, Prof. G. S. Goodman, Holly Springs, Miss., Chairman; Committee on Education, Prof. Berry Jones, Cotton Plant, Ark., Chairman; Committee on Resolutions, Rev. G. B. Ashford, Hot Springs, Ark., Chairman; Committee on Obituaries, Rev. A. B. J. Perry, Marianna, Ark., Chairman.

Entertainment Features

In addition to the opportunities offered at Hot Springs for sight-seeing, the delegates have enjoyed some very interesting entertainments. Among these being: A musical entertainment by the members of the office force of the Woodmen of Union. Their program included vocal and instrumental selections and three numbers by the Woodmen of Union Band, which is composed of the members of the office force, and which is being trained by H. H. Bunts a former member of the Tuskegee Institute band. The choirs from Roanoke Baptist, the Haven M. E. church and the Visitors Chapel A. M. E. church have rendered excellent service. The three days session concluded with an entertainment Friday evening at Whittington Park.

Officers Re-elected

The following officers of the Supreme Session were re-elected: Dr. E. A. Kendall, Supreme President; John L. Webb, Supreme Custodian; Sister L. A. Roberts, Supreme Secretary; Sister I. W. Harper, Supreme Royal Queen; W. E. Miller, Supreme Royal Senator; Drs. E. J. Lunnon, P. H. Thompson and A. B. J. Perry, Supreme Medical Director.

WOODMEN MOVE HEADQUARTERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

avenue C. M. E. church, Park avenue and Robey street. Gen. Jones was introduced by J. J. Atwell. The Chicago company won the honors at the inspection, as usual.

Chicago Defender
Chicago Bids for \$250,000

Building; Supreme Commander White Invited

2/25/22

What city will get the new \$250,000 building of the American Woodmen? That is the question that is puzzling many. The supreme council has decided that the headquarters, now in Denver, will be moved to a city nearer the center of population of the group of people that help make the Woodmen a great organization.

C. M. White, supreme commander, has been invited to attend a banquet at Cleveland, Ohio, given by leading business men of the Race there in an effort to place the great possibilities of the Forest City before the supreme council. Chicago is on the alert, too. J. J. Atwell, district manager of Illinois, Missouri and parts of Indiana, met with a number of Chicago's leading citizens and expressed hope that this city would be selected. The meeting was presided over by State Representative Adelbert H. Roberts, with Frank W. Henry, Alderman Robert Jackson, Thomas Samuels, head of the Illinois Masons, Ford S. Black and Mrs. Thiggs on the speakers' list. Editor R. S. Abbott could not be present on account of sickness.

Invited to Locate Here

This group of representative men have extended to Mr. White an invitation to a conference here. With the aid of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Plan commission and the mayor, an invitation will be extended Mr. White to bring his headquarters here. These various civic bodies will work in conjunction to prove to the head of the American Woodmen that this city would not only appreciate such a move, but that being centrally located it is the most desirable city in America for such a worthy organization to make its headquarters.

General Jones in City

Major General John L. Jones, head of the uniform rank department, American Woodmen, with headquarters at Denver, Col., is in the city in the interest of the organization. He held a conference Monday night with the staff officers of the uniform rank, jurisdiction of Illinois, at the Chicago headquarters, 3336 Indiana avenue.

A welcome reception in the visiting general's honor and an inspection was held Tuesday evening at the Park

ANCIENT ORDER OF PILGRIMS HELD EPOCHMAKING CONCLAVE; REPORTS SHOWED HEALTHY STATE

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Cleburne, Texas, July 6, 1922.—The fortieth annual conclave of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims is holding forth in this city and delegates are here from all parts of Texas. Men and women prominent in the educational, business, professional and social world are playing a prominent part in the sessions of this great order, and perfect harmony exists.

Houston is well represented here and as usual the representatives from the Magnolia City are much in evidence. Prof. B. H. Grimes, supreme worthy shepherd, is wielding the gavel in his accustomed masterly and impartial manner. His annual message rang with sound advice and ripe thought, all calculated to tremendously and materially advance the order's cause in this commonwealth. Under Prof. Grimes' able and wise leadership the Pilgrim order has made unprecedented and unparalleled strides and has taken its place among the leading organizations in Texas. "Buck" is a veritable doer and verily gets results.

RYAN'S REPORT SHOWED HEALTHY CONDITION.

The talk of the annual conclave is the annual report of Prof. James D. Ryan, well-known Houston educator, who is supreme worthy recorder of the order, which disclosed the healthy financial condition of the order.

During the fiscal or Pilgrim year twenty-one local bodies were organized, 2161 new certificates were written, 489 certificates renewed, 2346 terminated by lapse, 136 terminated by death, a membership of 7723 and a solvency rating of 107.72 per cent, all as of December 31, 1921.

The following is taken from the supreme worthy recorder's annual report.

STATEMENT, JUNE 27, 1922:

Assets:

Real Estate	\$ 25,000.00
Liberty Loans	1,150.00

Interest Bearing Cash:

Union National	\$ 12,078.79
National Bank of Commerce	12,188.56
South Texas Commercial	1,126.70
Public National	1,014.40
	<u>26,408.45</u>

Non-Interest Bearing Cash:

Union National	\$ 53,151.18
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Supreme Worthy Locker	20,125.00
Locals	180.80
	<u>73,456.98</u>
Total	\$126,015.43

Liabilities:

Death Benefits	\$ 3,897.05
Salaries, etc.	3,170.00
Over Remittances	32.65
Excess Assets	\$118,915.73
	<u>\$126,015.43</u>

(G) DISTRIBUTION OF CASH:

Mortuary Funds	\$ 87,592.87
Emergency Reserve	2,622.74
General Expense and Undistributed..	9,649.82
	<u>\$ 99,865.43</u>
Liberty Loans	1,150.00

Total Cash and Loans	\$101,015.43
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NEGRO SHRINERS MECCA IS HERE

Pittsburgh Courier
Imperial Potentate Blake Says
They Will Not Become
Mohammedans—Injunction
is Not Feared

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The 200,000 American Negroes who are members of the Ancient Egyptian-Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the Jurisdiction of North and South America, will not become Mohammedans after all.

Abdul Hamid Suleiman "of Khar-tum, Sudan, Egypt," and at present of No. 143 West 130th street, will be greatly disappointed. When our reporter interviewed him last week and published his account, Abdul was confident the American Negroes would be glad to have him anoint them as "true" Shriners of Mecca in Arabia and thereby make it difficult or impossible, he said, for the white Shriners to go any further with the Federal injunction proceedings they have instituted to restrain the Negro organization from using the name Mystic Shriner or wearing Shrine emblems.

Now, however, according to a special statement given out by Caesar R. Blake, Imperial Potentate of the Negro Shriners, at his headquarters in Charlotte, N. C.:

American Negroes would have to become Mohammedans in order to accept Suleiman's offer, and American

Negroes are Christians. That settles it."

Therefore, Abdul will do no anointing of the American Negroes nor will he collect assessment from each of the 200,000 which was to be paid by him at Mecca when he returned there to inscribe their names.

As to Abdul's authority, Blake said he had no reason to doubt it. He said Abdul appeared before the Imperial Council of the Negro Shriners in Washington last month, and after offering to authenticate his credentials, wrote them out in Arabic. No one could read the document except Abdul, however. It was turned over to the State Department, which at last accounts was still trying to decipher it.

Abdul's fez with the word "Mecca" embroidered on it in English lettering, which he said last week he wore fifteen years in Mecca as High Priest, was given to him in August at the Washington Shriners' Council, according to Blake, as a mark of honor to a distinguished visitor.

When Blake was asked what would be done about the injunction sought by the white Shriners, he said:

"The order will go on seeking to inculcate the high principles of Masonry among its members. If Masonic and Shrine principles are good for the white race, they are good for the colored race in America, and there is room for both of them.

"The authority for the Negro Shrine organization in America is well authenticated as a branch of the Prince Hall order of Masons. Our organization expects a favorable decision from the courts in the litigation now pending against the colored Shrine in Texas and Arkansas."

Secret Societies—1922.

8,000 ELKS AT 23D CONVENTION IN NEWARK, N. J.

**Baltimore Delegation
Make Fine Appearance
And Is Heartily
Applauded
WIBECAN MAKES ADDRESS
Harding Administration
And Garvey Come In for
Criticism 8-25-22**

Newark, N. J., August 23.—

With delegates and visitors it is estimated that 8,000 strangers were in the city late Tuesday afternoon, for the 23rd annual session of the I. B. P. O. E. W.

A colorful parade of the various visiting lodges was held under the leadership of Prof. Charles L. Harris Elks' Band, Monumental Lodge of Baltimore, made a fine appearance in line and received hearty applause.

The New York lodges had the largest representation in line.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wibecan said in his address:

"The Negro is only half free—politically and economically."

"Is that all his fault?" he was asked.

"In a sense yes, and in another no," he continued. "The Negro is politically free in the North, but he exerts little political influence and has no political representation for his numbers. Despite his overwhelming vote in certain localities, he is represented by whites in almost every important political body."

The remedy for political conditions among the Negroes in the South rests with the Negroes of the North. Mr. Wibecan declared Northern colored voters should exercise their influence to decrease "slave conditions" South of the Mason-Dixon Line, he said.

Four Recommendations Given

These are four recommendations the exalted ruler gave to enable Negroes to obtain and maintain political and economic equality:

1. To have the whites understand that the destinies of the two peoples are linked in America.

2. To stand like a rock against

lawlessness of both races.

3. To think independently in politics.

4. To understand the power of the Negro numbers.

Amplifying the first of these points, Mr. Wibecan deprecated the idea of "Africa for Africans," advanced by Marcus Garvey, the self-elected provisional president of Africa, who is the object of considerable opposition at present in New York from members of his race.

"His name ought to be Gravey. Marcus Gravey would just about cover him."

"Africa," the exalted ruler stated, "is the center of white exploitation. Africa was probably the indirect cause of the war. And the American Negro is so far from Africa that he would be no more at home there than the white man."

"I am unalterably opposed to the Garveyizing of America," he added. "Garvey appeals to the sentiment of mother-land among the Negroes without remembering that America is by now the mother-land of the American Negro. And Garvey himself comes from Jamaica."

Grand Secretary George E. Bates and Grand Treasurer James T. Carter, of Richmond, were among other officers making their reports. In and around Washington street where Pride of Newark Lodge is located and the Grand Lodge met, a gala scene was presented, to which the many visiting Elk sisters also contributed.

At the formal welcoming services Monday night Mayor Breidenbach presented the keys of the city to Grand Secretary George E. Bates. Grand Exalted Ruler George E. Wibecan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler T. Gillis Nutter, of West Virginia; Assemblyman Warren P. Coon, white, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Armand W. Scott, of Washington, were among the speakers.

Mr. Scott severely arraigned the Harding administration for its attitude toward the colored people.

Reports submitted at the Grand Lodge session showed an increase of 10,000 members during the year for the Order, \$75,000 in the treasury, thirty new lodges instituted and the same number of female branches. Property holdings throughout the country were reported increased about \$75,000 and \$10,000 was paid out in death benefits, besides \$15,000 contributed to charity.

It was decided to organize more strongly in the West, \$500 being appropriated therefor.

The visitors came not only from all over the country, but the West Indies, Central and South America. Past Grand Exalted Ruler George W. E. McMeekin and Rev. Joseph L. Butler, both of Baltimore, were here in time to witness the parade.

WILSON ELECTED

GRAND EXALTED RULER

I. B. P. O. E. OF WASHINGTON

ELKS.

J. Finley Wilson, editor of the Washington Eagle, was elected at 6 p. m. Thursday, as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World at their 23rd session at Newark, New Jersey. Wibecan of New York, Grand Exalted Ruler for the past year, was second choice in the early balloting, but withdrew in favor of Wilson and helped him win. Stanton of Pittsburgh ran third in the early ballots. Virginia lodges, as well as Washington, stood firm for Wilson to win. Morning Star Lodge and Columbia Lodge were conspicuous in the fight for the popular Washington editor. C. Tiffany Toliver, who led the Virginia contingent, who was Wilson's campaign manager, wired the laconic message, "Wilson Wins." Paul Scott sent the full list of officers by long distance phone, and Billy Pierce, special correspondent, also wired the news. Armond Scott was one of the leaders in the fight.

J. Carter of Richmond, Va., was elected Grand Treasurer.

George Bates of Newark, N. J., was elected Grand Secretary.

H. A. Hall of New York City was elected Esteemed Leading Knight.

Schaefer of Louisville, Ky., was elected Grand Loyal Knight.

Brawichshands of Philadelphia was elected Grand Esteemed Lecturer; Shands Grand Trustee, Ed Green of Alexandria, Va., was elected Grand Inner Guard; Richards of Rhode Island, Grand Esquire, and H. Wilson, Grand Tyler.

A banquet held Thursday night closed the 23rd session. The I. B. P. O. E. have about 50,000 members in the United States, Canada and West Indies.

FINLEY ELECTED TO HEAD ANTLERS FOR COMING YEAR

**Fight Over New Exalted
Ruler Drags Four Hours
Past Midnight Limit—Chicago
for Next Convention**

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ELKS HAVE 187 ACTIVE DAUGHTER TEMPLES

The Grand Temple Convention of the Daughters of Elks, of the I. B. P. O. E. W., held recently at Newark, N. J., closed after a very pleasant and busy session, Friday, August 25, 1922. Nearly every state in the Union was represented by delegates, also a representative from the Bahama Islands, who reports a temple of about 70 members. The organization has grown strong numerically, now having 187 temples with membership ranging from 20 to 800 in same, and for the very valuable work done in the past year the majority of the Grand Temple officers were re-elected for the ensuing term.

Mrs. Mary E. Hodges succeeded herself as Grand Exalted Daughter Ruler of the Daughters of Elks, aided by Mrs. Laura E. Williams.

J. Finley Wilson Elected Elks' Grand Exalted Ruler

Law Limiting Head to One Term Changed but Former Grand Exalted Ruler Wibecan Was Defeated

Offended Southern Elks

Answered Their Invitation to Come South by Making Impossible Stipulations With Regard to Transportation Facilities

(Special to The New York Age).

Newark, N. J.—The twenty-third annual session of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., closed here early on Friday morning, August 25, with the election of J. Finley Wilson, editor of the Washington Eagle, as the grand exalted ruler, and the selection of Chicago as the next convention city. The election of Wilson came as a surprise to many of the Elks, and people who had been following the proceedings of the convention. It is said to have been brought about by the throwing of votes pledged to Stanton of Pittsburgh to the support of the Washington candidate after the first ballot.

Last year the deposed grand exalted ruler is alleged to have promised Stanton that he, Wibecan, would not seek reelection and would support the Pittsburgh candidate. It is said that Wibecan did not keep his promise and this, it seems, brought on a fight, which served to strengthen the candidacy of Wilson.

Another contributing factor toward the defeat of Wibecan was the reading of a letter received by southern delegates, which was sent them by Wibecan in reply to an invitation to the grand exalted ruler to come South and address their lodges. The grand exalted ruler is said to have written in reply that he would come down South if the lodges would guarantee him Pullman accommodation going and coming and no contact with Jim Crow cars.

There were only two ballots taken. In the first Wibecan led with 158 votes; Wilson was second with 152, and Stanton had little less than a hundred votes. In the next vote, the delegates who had voted for Stanton threw their strength to Wilson, which resulted in his elec-

Other officers elected were: George E. Bates, East Orange, N. J., reelected grand secretary; James T. Carter, Richmond, Va., reelected grand treasurer; H. Adolph Howell, New York, elected grand master leading knight; W. H. Shands, Philadelphia, elected grand trustee for three years, and Alexander Braithwaite, Newark, grand esteemed loyal knight.

Before closing the convention sent resolutions to President Harding and the Senate urging the passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, and donated \$200 to the N. A. A. C. P., to assist in the fight for the passage of this bill. The convention did not take action on the insurance proposition of the grand exalted ruler, which would provide a blanket insurance for all members. A movement was started, however, which did receive favorable consideration, and which will be acted upon at the next convention. This was the plan to build an Elks' sanatorium at Denver, Col.

The Order was found to be in a healthy condition, with more than fifty thousand members, and \$50,000 cash in the bank. Imperial Lodge, No. 27, of New York City, is the largest in the order, and has a membership of over 2,000. This lodge was especially well represented in the parade on Tuesday, which proved to be the biggest ever seen in Newark. The entire convention, as a whole, was considered one of the most successful ever held by the order, and the delegates who attended will long remember the Pride of Newark Lodge, which entertained the Grand Lodge for making their trip such a pleasant one.

EDITOR WILSON NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ELKS MAKES RETURN TRIP

Victorious Party Motors from Newark.

Flushed with victory and praise, crowded with honors and accompanied by loyal supporters, Editor J. Finley Wilson motored from the Elks' convention at Newark, last Friday, in a Hupmobile coupe, driven by Clinton T. Flanagan.

The car had carried to Newark a huge placard "Wilson to win" and now carried a similar one "On to Washington, Wilson has won."

Stopping in New York City, the party left Friday night for Atlantic City, N. J., arriving there after a stop at Asbury Park.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's party consisted of C. Tiffany Toliver, his campaign manager, and E. T. Flanagan. At Atlantic City it was joined by Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson and welcomed by Attorney J. A. Lightfoot, and Messrs. Fitzgerald, DeLande and Beresford Gale of Philadelphia.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and C. Tiffany Toliver were guests of Attorney Lightfoot, the other members of the party stopped at Ridley Hotel.

Numerous telephone calls for Mr. Wilson and a case before the Municipal Court at Washington compelled Col. Johnson to tear the party away from Atlantic City Sunday night about 6 o'clock.

They stopped in Philadelphia about 10 p. m., where they were guests of the Citizen's Club. Mr. George J. Cole, president of the Soap Box, entertained Mr. Wilson, while the party rested and dined at the Roadside Hotel.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler was given a rousing reception at the O. V. Catto Lodge of Elks and returned to the Citizens' Club prior to leaving the city at 2:30 a. m.

Baltimore was the next stop on the return trip, where at 7:30 the party arrived at the magnificent home of Monumental Lodge and was breakfasted. They left at 9:30 and stopped before the Municipal court building in Washington at 10:30, where they were greeted by Attorney John H. Wilson.

After attention to business and exchange of courtesies and congratulations, Mr. Wilson motored to the Eagle office and hurriedly reviewed the condition, management and prospects of his paper.

In outlining his policies for the "antlered herd," Mr. Wilson intends to give every ounce of his energy and enthusiasm to spreading and strengthening the order.

He wants 10,000 new members, a national shrine to be erected at Wash-

ington, the bonding of all financial officers, the placing of benefits upon an insurance basis rather than by assessments, the spread of brotherhood and good fellowship among the lodges and members and such a force for protection as will make the I. B. P. O. E. of W. the banner organization of the race.

ELKS END GRAND LODGE SESSION

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WILSON ELECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ELKS

is a native of Tennessee, and has held office under practically every exalted ruler, beginning with E. F. Howard. He has worked on the New York Age, Norfolk Journal and Guide, and is now publisher of the Washington Eagle.

FINLEY WILSON
New Head of Elks

Beats Out George Wibecan
of Brooklyn By A Two-

To-One Vote

Afro-American
ELKS NUMBER 82,000

Baltimore Md.
Summary Reports An In-
crease of 10,000 Last
Year *21-22*

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The roll-call showed Wilson had 216 votes and Wibecan 95, the latter then moving to make the result unanimous. Wibecan's supporters tried to upset the rule adopted last year of giving the Grand Exalted Ruler only one term.

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There are now 82,000 members of the male lodges, an increase of 4,000 over last year. Grand Secretary Bates reported. The female lodges have 18,000 adherents. There are 330 lodges, an increase of 21 over last year, and 214 female branches, with a membership of about 18,000.

A project was launched to build a \$250,000 home near some large city, each member to be taxed \$5 to aid in building.

Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, sent a letter of felicitation in which he expressed his interest in aiding the passage of the Dyer Bill. The next session will be held in Chicago.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler



Secret Societies - 1922

Galilean Fisherman.

BRISCOE NOW HEADS GALILEAN FISHERMEN

Also American
Josiah Henry of Cambridge

Is Named for Post of

Treasurer

Baltimore, Md.

Charleston, W. Va., August 9—
After a most successful session
the biennial gathering of the Galilean Fisherman adjourned on
Thursday of last week to meet in
Baltimore in 1924. *8-11-22*

Robert Briscoe, of Washington,
was chosen supreme ruler to suc-
ceed Joseph P. Evans, of Balti-
more.

Other officers include: Lewis J. Ways,
New Market, Md., Deputy Supreme Ruler;
Mrs. Marietta Stewart, Baltimore, Associate
Supreme Ruler; Mrs. Jennie E. Brown,
Washington, Supreme Financial Secretary;
Mrs. Hattie Troy, Harrisburg, Pa., Supreme
Recording Secretary; J. Walter Grayson,
Washington, Supreme Chaplain; Josiah F.
Henry, Cambridge, Md., Supreme Treasurer;
M. L. Fairfax, Charleston, Supreme Ora-
tor; J. R. Davenport, Virginia, Supreme
Marshal; Mrs. Mary E. Tomkins, Atlantic
City, Supreme Conductor; Mrs. Myrtle Wil-
liams, Ohio, Supreme Inside Guard, and
John Coursey, Wilmington, Del., Supreme
Outside Guard.

Secret Societies - 1922

Fraternal Buildings

On Side Streets

Baltimore
In other cities on the South fraternal order has been to erect large office buildings of four or five stories costing up to a half-million dollars, it is because they have followed certain definite policies overlooked by Baltimoreans. *3/13/22*

The new building of the Southern Aid Society in Washington was located in the heart of the business section and its first floor leased for a theatre and other rooms for stores and offices. Alabama Odd Fellows adopted plan for a new half million dollar building for Birmingham last week. The Order will use the upper floors and rent out other space for stores and business offices.

In Baltimore, many of the fraternal orders have sought residential neighborhoods for their office buildings where there is no demand for space for stores or offices. The result is that these buildings are used mainly by the order themselves with the exception of the main rooms, let out for occasional dances and receptions. Orders and other organizations which are yet to erect headquarters might do well to follow in the footsteps of other cities and give Baltimore its first big office building.

Atlanta Independent
SEVEN HUNDRED LIES
3/28/22
We have just read the press reports of the B. M. C. held by the Morris faction in Cleveland, Ohio, a fortnight ago, and we are amazed and astounded at the statistics given.

If ever the leaders of an organization undertook to mislead the people, this faction of Odd Fellows in this country went them one better in the figures they reported to the world. They would have you believe that their faction of the organization in this country has 700,000 members and 14,560 branches, when the truth is that the order has never had more than 400,000 members at any time in the history of its life, and that was when it

was united in 1910 under the leadership of former Grand Master William L. Houston, of Washington, D. C. Since that time the membership, by reason of confusion, dissensions within, hard times and the war, has continued to decrease and to disintegrate, so today there are not more than one hundred thousand members in the order all told in this country belonging to both factions. All the members of the Patriarchie and Past-Grand Masters Council are counted twice, having been counted first in the blue lodge. The one hundred thousand members we speak of as the present membership includes the women, men and children.

As an illustration of the membership of the order we submit the following figures:

Alabama, less than 1,000 in 1922 against 20,000 in 1910.
Arkansas, in 1910, 20,000 against 8,000 in 1922.
California, in 1910, 2,500 against 1,000 in 1922.
Colorado, in 1910, 500 against 200 in 1922.
Connecticut, in 1910, 450 against 150 in 1922.
Delaware, in 1910, 500 against 250 in 1922.
Florida, in 1910, 10,000 against 6,000 in 1922.
Georgia, in 1910, 40,000 against 0 in 1922.
Illinois, in 1910, 3,000 against 1,500 in 1922.
Indiana, in 1910, 1,000 against 300 in 1922.
Iowa, in 1910, 250 against 100 in 1922.
Kansas, in 1910, 500 against 300 in 1922.
Kentucky, in 1910, 2,500 against 1,200 in 1922.
Louisiana, in 1910, 15,000 against 9,000 in 1922.
Massachusetts, in 1910, 1,500 against 800 in 1922.
Michigan, in 1910, 300 against 150 in 1922.
Minnesota, in 1910, 300 against 125 in 1922.
Mississippi, in 1910, 20,000 against 2,000 in 1922.
Missouri, in 1910, 5,000 against 1,500 in 1922.
New Jersey, in 1910, 2,000

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New York, in 1910, 5,000 against 4,000 in 1922.
N. Carolina, in 1910, 15,000 against 10,000 in 1922.
Ohio, in 1910, 2,500 against 1,400 in 1922.
Oklahoma, in 1910, 5,000 against 2,500 in 1922.
Pennsylvania, in 1910, 5,000 against 2,000 in 1922.
Rhode Island, in 1910, 200 against 100 in 1922.
S. Carolina, in 1910, 12,000 against 4,000 in 1922.
Tennessee, in 1910, 2,500 against 1,000 in 1922.
Virginia, in 1910, 6,000 against 3,000 in 1922.
West Virginia, in 1910, 5,000 against 2,500 in 1922.

The membership in all the states not enumerated above would aggregate about 3,000 in 1910 and about 1,600 in 1922. So it will be clearly seen that the order has never had more than a quarter million members.

If the Order has 700,000 members, why does the B. M. C. continue to raise taxes? In 1910 when Mr. Houston retired from the Mastership, the Order was alleged to have 400,000 members, and a tax of 6c would raise sufficient revenue to take care of the order, but since that time the per capita tax has been raised to 25c, and the membership has increased, according to the figures submitted in Cleveland, 300,000, which would give us more than one quarter million dollars in revenue.

Now, what has become of this revenue? At the 17th B. M. C. in Boston, the Grand Secretary reported he collected \$60,000 and paid out \$63,000. That was from all sources—which covered the total membership and the money received from supplies and rents. Now, if the order has 700,000 members, what has become of the revenue? The order has never had more than 8,000 branches. You may juggle figures, but they will not lie. More than half the branches instituted years ago are defunct and out of business, yet they are carried in the sum total and advertised to the world as active. No de-

General

duction is ever made for forfeitures, disbandments and disintegration.

The report made at Cleveland shows that the order is worth more than \$5,000,000, \$5,000,000 in what and where? Hot air we suppose. The total available assets of the S. C. M. are put down as \$220,696.24. What does this property consist of? The building at the corner of Twelfth and Spruce streets, which cost the order less than \$100,000 and a piece of property we have had in Philadelphia for a number of years valued at \$4,000. Now, that is all the property the S. C. M. has, except some cash, and that never amounts to more than \$5,000. The net worth of the order is put down at \$214,786.43; liabilities, \$5,909.81. No statement is given as to what the assets consist of or what the order is liable for. We are of the opinion that arbitrary figures that might sound nice to the ears of the stupid and unsuspecting were gathered and used by the officers in order to insure reelection.

The truth is the order all told is not worth over one hundred thousand dollars and never has been and never will be, so long as managed by the hogs who are in charge of it.

THE AMERICAN WOODMEN HOLD 2 CONVENTIONS

St. Louis argues
Eastern Division Meets In Atlantic City. Southwestern At Dallas, Tex.

Associated Negro Press.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 13.—The American Convention for the District of New Jersey, East Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia assembled in "The Playground of the World."
A grand coterie of Supreme officers were present for the opening exercises on the following night; prominent among whom were the Supreme Commander, the Hon. C. M. White, his Secretary, R. Deas, L. H. Lightner, Supreme Clerk, H. L. Billups, Supreme Vice-Commander, C. C. Trimble, National Supervisor, Major-General John L. Jones, Commanding Officer in the Uniform Rank Department, Brigadier

General A. X. Burlison, Chief Signal Officer, Wm. Blue, National Musical Director.

The Grand Opening Ceremony took place at the Fitzgerald Auditorium. Mr. Bilups acted as Master of Ceremonies. The welcome address on behalf of the municipality was delivered by the Hon. Edward L. Bader, Mayor of the City, who greeted the convention in a very sincere and cordial manner. Mr. Bader, at a juncture in his speech said: "I believe that this organization so fittingly named the American Woodmen, represents the greatest need of the Negro Race, which is to co-operate one with another, have confidence one in another and do business one with another. The fact that this institution has been able to establish assets of more than a million dollars in the short space of twelve years, proves beyond possible contradiction that a colored man or woman need not turn aside from his own Race in order to secure protection against sickness accidents or death. And what is infinitely greater than this is the reality that the accomplishments of the American Woodmen are after all but an illustration of what you can do in any chosen field. I will admit frankly that I haven't much respect for the colored person who is lacking in self-loyalty, for if he isn't loyal to his Race, he isn't loyal to himself, and as to being willing to consign himself to an inferior economic status without ever having made an effort to advance himself or promote the best interests of his people by supporting Race enterprises."

Southwestern Division

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 13.—Dallas Texas was the locale for the District Convention for the territory represented by West Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana. The Committee on Time and Place for the last convention for this district is to be congratulated on the merit of their selection. Clerk A. L. Walters of Dallas, Major-General Jones, Deputy H. K. Watkins, Brigadier-General Burlison; in fact, the entire staff of pre-convention workers deserve great praise for the thorough manner in which they carried out the preparations.

Monday night witnessed the Grand Opening Exercises at the St. James A. M. E. Temple. In spite of the inclement weather a very large audience thronged the church and gave rapt attention to the entire program. A selection by the St. James choir began the proceedings. Dr. Chas. W. Albington led in invocation. A very pleasing solo by Mrs. E. G. Rice followed after which Editor Rice of the "Dallas Express" delivered the welcome address on behalf of the City, substituting for Mayor Aldredge, who earlier in the day conveyed his regrets to Mr. Deas for his inability to attend. Mr. Rice proved to the audience conclusively that in addition to being a very fluent writer he is also an eloquent

and forceful speaker. He succeeded admirably in causing the entire delegation to feel that the citizens of Dallas were honored at their presence and stood ready to demonstrate the genuineness of their far famed hospitality. Editor Rice gave unstinted praise to the American Woodmen for their remarkable progress, stating that to the best of his knowledge there was no other similar organization in America irrespective of color—whose achievements in the short space of 12 years equalled that of the American Woodmen. Mr. Rice was heartily applauded on the conclusion of his speech.

Roscoe Dunjee, Editor of the Oklahoma City "Black Dispatch" was chosen to respond to Mr. Rice.

A somewhat humorous sidelight might here be intruded. Shortly after the beginning of the program the electrical storm which prevailed, caused the audience to be merged in darkness. A kerosene lamp was discovered and utilized. Neither Editor Rice or Editor Dunjee was at all abashed by the absence of illumination, but to the contrary proceeded to give fervent to their oratorical powers. The entire house roared when in the midst of the storm Editor Dunjee's description of the golden sunlight of beautiful Oklahoma. Stygian gloom enveloped the room.

Neighbor A. A. Carr, the Master of Ceremonies, next introduced Neighbor H. K. Watkins, who tendered greetings to the delegates and visitors on behalf of the local Camps.

Then the Hon. C. M. White, Supreme Commander of the Order, was presented. Mr. White spoke briefly concerning his insistent nation-wide appeal to his people to "Join the Negro Race."

National Council

Meets At Cincy

East Tennessee News

Over 75 Delegates Present.—Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria Hold Twentieth Bi-Ennial Session.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 20.—The National Council of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria Bi-Ennial session was called to order in Masonic Hall, West Sixth street, Tuesday morning. National Chief Hon. Wm. H. Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., being late, Rev. C. H. Matthews, of Maryland, presided. After appointing committees on credentials and rules the session was called off for noon lunch by National Chief Wm. H. Brown.

The afternoon was spent in hear-

ing official reports. The address of the R. W. N. G. chief, Hon Wm. H. Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., was an excellent one.

The report of the national secretary, Mrs. E. P. Diggs, of Leesburg, Va., showed the order to be in a flourishing condition, numerically and financially. The report of the national treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Washington, New Albany, Ind., showed the amount collected during the term, \$2,277.85.

At 8 p. m. the delegates enjoyed a reception at the hall. Short addresses and songs was the order of the evening after which a repast was enjoyed. The prominent persons attending this meeting: J. E. Wood, D. D., Kentucky; C. H. Matthews, Maryland; F. R. Smith, A. B., Mississippi; William H. Brown, Tennessee; Mrs. M. E. Washington, Kentucky; Mrs. E. P. Diggs, Virginia. From Maryland there were eight delegates; District of Columbia 7; Ohio 10; Virginia 10; Kentucky 24; Tennessee 11; Indiana 3; Mississippi 12, and a large number of visitors. The order carries a juvenile department which is in a prosperous condition.

Wednesday morning was devoted to considering the uniting of the I. O. of G. S. and D. of S. of North America and West Indies, with the order now in session.

At 2 p. m. the election of officers was held. The present officers having performed their duties so well all were re-elected.

Officers were installed by P. N. G. C., Rev. J. E. Wood, D. D.

Natchez, Miss., was chosen as the next place of meeting, 1924.

BUFFALOS IN SESSION;
ADDRESSED BY MAYOR
10/30/22
Grand Lodge Convenes In This City And Holds Epochal Meeting.

The Grand Lodge, Benevolent Protective Herd of Buffalos of the World closed its 26th annual session at the Portsmouth Auditorium, Wednesday, September 13, 1922, following which was held a street parade and a ban-

quet at night. The session was called to order Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Past Grand Exalted Ruler, J. A. Allston. Master of ceremonies, Past Exalted Ruler D. M. Cuffee, introduced Hon. R. A. Hutchins, mayor of the city, who delivered the welcome address. This was responded to by Past Exalted Ruler J. Frank Proctor. Among the speakers were: Grand Exalted Ruler E. A. Woodward, Norfolk; Grand Vice Exalted Ruler Jas. Chapman, New York; Grand Trustee Jno. A. Driver, New York; A. T. Lloyd, New York, Grand Deputy, Northern District; Jas. M. Hall, New York, Grand Advocate; Edward Simmons, Berkley, Grand Deputy, Southern District; Arthur Miller, Portsmouth, Grand Guide; Rachel Williams, Portsmouth, Grand Accountant; Ruth Choate, Grand Bachelor of Finance; Samuel Hodges, Portsmouth.

On Wednesday, September 13, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Grand Exalted Ruler, Jas. Chapman, New York, N. Y.; Grand Vice Exalted Ruler, Edward Simmons, Berkley, Va.; Grand Guide, Rachel Williams, Portsmouth, Va.; Grand Sentry, Naomi Smith, Berkley, Va.; Grand Bachelor of Finance, Samuel Hodges, Portsmouth, Va.; Grand Accountant, Ruth Choate, Portsmouth, Va.; Grand Trustees, M. J. Smith, Norfolk, Va., and Hattie Faulcon, Portsmouth, Va.; Grand Bachelor of Accounts, Geo. Tynes, Portsmouth, Va.

The above named officers were installed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. A. Woodward, of Norfolk, after which the lodge adjourned to convene in New York City, September 1922.

SHRINERS LOSE CASE.

Negro Lodge Can Use Badge and Insignia of Order.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 27.—Chancellor Martineau today denied the application of the local Shrine organization for an injunction to prevent a local negro organization from using Shrine badges and insignia.

The testimony in the case was heard several weeks ago by the chancellors. Attorneys for the negro organization showing that it had been established in 1983 and incorporated in 1901. The negro order has operated here since that time, according to testimony, the negroes wearing Shrine pins openly, while meetings of the order had been advertised in the newspapers.

In view of these facts, Chancellor Martineau held that the officers of Al Amin Temple must have known of the negro organization's existence for some time and refused to grant the injunction on account of the time that elapsed since the negro shrine's organization.

Attorneys for the Al Amin Temple announced an appeal to the supreme court.

21st B.M.C., G. U. O. O. F., At Cleveland Attended by 4,000

Order Claims 690,842 Members, With Cash and Property Assets of More Than Five Million

Dollars—Morris Continues in Control

New York Age 9/23/22

(Special Correspondence to The Age) Cleveland, O.—More than two thousand delegates and four thousand visitors were in attendance upon the 21st Biennial Movable Conference of the G. U. O. O. F., of America, held here September 11 to 16, with Grand Master Edward H. Morris presiding. Every branch of the Order was represented, including the Grand Household of Ruth, the Grand Patriarchy, the Past Grand Masters' Council and the Juveniles.

Reports from the various divisions showed the Order to be in a most prosperous condition. In property and cash, the worth of the various branches totalled more than Five Million Dollars,—to be exact, \$5,726,463.55. The balance sheets of the Sub-Committee of Management as of July 1, 1922, showed gross assets of \$220,696.24, against which only \$5,909.81 are to be charged as liabilities. This leaves the S.—C. M., with a net worth of \$214,786.43.

The total number of members affiliated with the Order is 690,842, by far the largest number of Negroes assembled in any one organization in the world. There are 9,760 lodges, 6,007 Households, 514 Past Grand Masters' Councils, 249 Patriarchies, 114 P. M. N. G. Chambers, 1736 Juveniles, 33 District Households and 42 District Lodges, a total of 18,455 branches of the Order, all constituted since the first lodge was organized in New York City in 1844.

At the opening session on Monday, the grand lodge was welcomed by the governor of Ohio, the mayor of Cleveland and other state and city officials. The parade on Thursday was the largest ever participated in by the Order, except for the parade in New York City two years ago.

The only change in the official personnel was in the election of Charles H. Pugh of Sumter, S. C., as grand director, to succeed Dr. C. G. Johnson of Aiken, S. C., who declined to serve longer. It is alleged that Dr. Johnson, who is grand master of the South Carolina masonic fraternity, was not in entire accord with the Morris administration.

Officers elected are Edward H. Morris of Chicago, grand master; Dr. I. L. Roberts of Boston, deputy grand master; James F. Needham of Philadelphia, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley of Herndon, Va., grand secretary; James F. Adair of New York, P. V.

Baranco of Baton Rouge, La., Jesse L. Nicholas of Baltimore, Robert T. Thomas of Pensacola, Fla., and Charles H. Pugh of Sumter, S. C., grand directors; James M. Miller of Newark, N. J., Jacob E. Reed of Cleveland, O., and Charles S. Hill of Washington, D. C., grand auditors.

The one untoward incident of the session was the failure of delegates from Arkansas to secure seats in the B. M. C. A full delegation, duly certified as to leagility of election, was present, but it is alleged that because the district grand master of that state had not obeyed the mandates of the S.—C. M., and had been suspended from office, the delegates from Arkansas were barred and not permitted to exercise the rights or delegates. Considerable discussion was indulged in on this point, many of the delegates declaring in favor of recognizing the rights of the lodges to representation, since the delegates appeared to be legally chosen, but Grand Master Morris was adamant in opposition, and in this, as in every other matter coming before the B. M. C., his will was law.

The 1924 session will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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ORDER OF MOSES

IN CONVENTION

Washington Eagle
Annual Session of Delegates and Lamb
Slaying.

The forty-ninth session of the Right Worthy National Supreme Grand Lodge of Ancient, Independent Order of Moses will convene in Washington, Tuesday, September 19, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Twenty-eighth Street and Dumbarton Avenue.

Delegates from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland and other states throughout the country, will arrive Monday and be met by members of the local delegation.

On Tuesday morning the general opening session will witness welcoming addresses, appointment of committees and reports from the eighty-five tabernacles and juveniles of which the order is composed.

At 8 p. m. the Rev. Dr. A. Wilbanks will slay the lamb in a manner never before seen here, and the general public is invited to witness this impressive ceremony. This exercise is under the direction of Sister A. Dorsett, chairman of the lamb slaying committee.

On Wednesday the elected Grand Lodge officers will make their report and the splendid administration of the esteemed Grand Master, Brother James A. Munnerlyn, in his tactful manner and satisfactory executive wisdom, will receive its mark of distinction in the burning of the mortgage as a result of having paid the second trust on the new Moses Hall in nine months, the greatest financial record in the history of the order.

That event will mark the evening session and be under the direction of Sister L. J. Harte, G. P. O.

Thursday will be marked by addresses and reports including the report and annual address of the Grand Master, followed by an elaborate banquet at 8 o'clock in the evening.

All fraternities will make testimonials.

Sister Sophia Lias, P. G. D., will supervise the banquet.

The sessions of the order will close Friday with memorial exercises after which the close of unfinished business, and of unpolluted principle flow into will be followed by election of officers, installation and appointments. All

Fast Grand Masters and Fifteenth Degree members of the order are invited to attend these sessions and the general public is welcome at the evening sessions.

So satisfactorily has Grand Master Munnerlyn wielded the gavel over the Ancient, Independent Order of Moses, that it has grown without hindrance and dissensions, and his success is assured for a continuance of his administration and for the growth of the order.

THE CASE WON in Arkansas by the Negro Shriners is unique. It is the first time that a Southern Court has not decided against a Negro order in such a case causing it to go to the Federal Courts for settlement. It may be a harbinger of better days.

COLORED FOLKS HEAR COALITION SPEAKERS

Seventh Ward Rallies to Support of Mayor Frank

C. Musser
LANCASTER PA NEWS JOURNAL
OCTOBER 13, 1922
TWO HUNDRED ATTEND

Many pertinent things were said at the "Truth" meeting held at the Colored Odd Fellows' Hall on Chestnut street, last night which was attended by over two hundred men and women, who came together to solidly cement a permanent colored coalition organization in the city.

Abe Polite, acting as chairman of the meeting, introduced among the speakers of the evening, Mayor Frank C. Musser; Attorney Charles W. Eaby; Fred J. Vaux; Dr. J. H. Pindar, colored preacher of Coatesville and formerly of Columbia; William Henry Jackson, a colored veteran of the Civil War; Richard Zecher and Chester Johnson.

After the meeting was opened with the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," with Miss Marybelle Millin at the piano, Mr. Polite introduced Chester Johnson, who "gave the caption" to the meeting by reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Then in his introductory talk, Abe after stating that Musser was a straight Republican because none but a straight Republican kept his promises to the colored people of the city as Musser had done, said that the Musser forces don't look like a "Committee of a Thousand—but like a committee of a million, which is going to let a 'pure stream' of unpolluted principle flow into this city of corrupt politics."

Griest Banner Wanting

Charles W. Eaby, the next speaker, lamented that after 13 years in Congress, Mr. Griest had to go out in a dress suit at this late date and attend weddings in order to advertise himself to his constituents. "All Lancaster ever got in those thirteen years from its Congressman was a few packages of seeds," declared Mr. Eaby. "He was tried and tested, as his banners say—but they ought to add the rest—and

found wanting'."

Musser True to Promise

Mr. Jackson, the Civil War Veteran, erect despite his 66 years, said: "Frank C. Musser told my people the Truth. He told them what he would do—and then did it. No man could do more than that. They say everything comes to him who waits—yes, but we've been a long time waiting for Musser."

Mr. Vaux told with telling effect, a parable of a black goat, who, when certain missing papers were demanded, was pointed to with a declaration that he had eaten them out of the wastebasket.

"And," added the speaker, "that goat is a good fellow."

Mr. Vaux concluded that after fighting the Civil War to free the slaves, that free men were now asking the colored men to help them in a similar cause, and "Don't be afraid of the king because the ace (pointing to Mayor Musser) takes the king."

Mayor Musser was next introduced and after acknowledging all of the nice things said about him, declared that he was a sort of an accident.

"I don't know how I'm in this conflict," he declared, "but somebody had to be the person. The representatives I have secured from your race in the city government have made good. I am not going to be prolific in promises, but I want to tell you I am not going to forget the colored people. I don't know why some people fight so hard for this job as Congressman. There must be more in it than we can see."

The Hon. Dr. Pindar next made an appeal to "the Godly Judgment" of his people. He told them that during his fifty-one years he had never heard a man express himself as "Our Mayor did to-night."

"And I want to tell you, when you hear from Columbia, you'll be surprised," declared the erstwhile preacher in the river-bord, "because Columbia is wrapped up in Mayor Musser. I know."

"Mayor Musser kept hid as long as he could, until God reached down and pulled him forth," continued the preacher. "He is a Gibraltar and his good works will live after him."

After the enthusiastic meeting had come to a close, refreshments were served while Mayor Musser greeted and chatted with his many friends among those present.

Independent Order of Moses.

Organizer Arrives Here to Start a New Lodge

ATLANTIC CITY UNION
OCTOBER 13, 1922

By E. T. LOCKETT

1711 Arctic Ave.

Dr. R. A. Williams, the Supreme Dictator of the Loyal Order of I. B. and P. Order of the Moose, has designated Mr. W. S. Gibson to form a club looking forward to the establishment of a new lodge in Atlantic City. Mr. Gibson has just returned from New York City, where he held a conference with the Supreme Dictator; he also visited this lodge in Newark. The New York organization has a membership of over 1700 and the one at Newark more than 500, these members being enrolled in a little less than six months. Mr. Gibson has done considerable work in establishing new lodges of the many fraternal orders in which he holds membership. He has the distinction of being the organizer of the first order of Elks, Independent Order of the World, on foreign soil; this lodge being set up under his direction at Nassau, B. W. I. Mr. Gibson, it will be remembered, some years ago also organized the Lighthouse Lodge No. 9, I. B. P. O. E. W., of this city, which is one of the most influential fraternal bodies in the State, and was its first Exalted Ruler. A special meeting of those who are interested in this movement will be held tonight at the Palace Cafe, 1614 Arctic ave., at 8.30, at which time officers will be elected and a permanent organization established.

ST. AGNES CHAPTER TENDER RECEPTION THIS EVENING

The St. Agnes Chapter of the St. Augustine's P. E. will give a big reception at Fitzgerald's Auditorium this evening, beginning at 9 o'clock and lasting until 2 a. m. This club, which is one of the most valuable and active adjuncts of St. Augustine's, is making a strenuous effort to procure funds for fuel for the coming Winter at this church. The chief attraction tonight will be C. Charlie Johnson and his Original Paradise Jazz Band, rated as one of the best of its kind in the East. This orchestra on Monday night of this week played to a capacity house at Fitzgerald's, and judging from the number of encores and the applause that followed each dance, the crowd was fully pleased with the performance. All members of this chapter and members and friends of this parish and the public in general are cordially invited to attend this reception tonight. Mrs. William Nottingham is the president of the chapter.

HOSPITAL DRIVE COMMITTEE BEING ORGANIZED

The Northside Hospital Drive committee, that has charge of the campaign in this community of the financial drive for \$350,000 for an addition to the Atlantic City Hospital, is being thoroughly organized and will prove a valuable asset to the local institution in its effort to increase its efficiency to the neces-

sary standard of the hospital requirements for a city of this size. The captains and lieutenants of this committee will hold an important meeting tonight at the Arctic Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A., 1711 Arctic ave., at 8.30 sharp. Mr. Smith, the campaign manager, and Senator Wilson will be present at this meeting to help plan the details of the campaign.

RELATIVES OF MRS. JENNIE THORNTON, TAKE NOTICE

The relatives of Mrs. Jennie Thornton, a former resident of Pleasantville, are asked to kindly get in touch with Douglas S. Allen, 1711 Arctic ave., as soon as possible, or phone 4678-W. Mrs. Thornton is confined in a home for the sane and it is absolutely necessary that her relatives be located at once.

MISS COX APPOINTED TO DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Miss Lenore Cox, a popular sophomore at the Atlantic City High School and an alumnus of the Indiana Avenue School, has distinguished herself by being the first colored student to be appointed to membership in the dramatic society of the local high school. Her success was made known yesterday by posters on the high school bulletin board. She is also a charter member of the Athenian Literary Society, which now has three Northside girls on its roster, the others being Miss Mary Sullivan and Miss Gwendolyn Herbert. Miss Cox is president and one of the organizers of the well-known Gamma Alpha Gamma Society. Her Thespian ability came into prominence in 1920 when "Hiawatha" was first presented at the Indiana Avenue School. Contrary to the belief of many she has never had training in elocution. She is receiving the congratulations of her many friends upon this achievement who are sincere in their wishes for her success.

YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN LEAGUE MEETING TONIGHT

A most important meeting of the Young Men's Colored Republican League will be held tonight at Fitzgerald's Auditorium promptly at 9 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as a very important issue will come up for discussion and settlement. R. C. Caution, president; Otto Wilson, secretary; Chas. H. Gramby, solicitor.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

William Newton, an active young man in all civic affairs in this city, has gone to Baltimore, where he will remain for the Winter. Billie has entered the Baltimore High School, the second local boy matriculating there this year, the other being Oscar Todd, who left earlier in the year.

Lem Gibbs, the acting president of the Third Ward Captains' Republican Club, has issued an urgent call for a special meeting of this club to be held tomorrow night, at 9 o'clock at 1501½ Baltic ave. The election of officers will take place. All captains of the Third Ward are

asked to be present.

Rev. Dr. Hursey will preach tonight at the St. James A. M. E. Church under the auspices of the Missionary Society of which Mrs. Redding Johnson is the president. Dr. Hursey is a powerful speaker and a big crowd is expected to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Allen have returned from Orange, N. J., where Mr. Allen was quartermaster of the K. of P. encampment just closed there. They report a wonderful time and a most successful convention.

The Kenneth Hawkins Post No. 61, delegate to the National convention of the American Legion, will send a of this organization that will be held next week in New Orleans. This will in all probability be the only colored delegate from the State of New Jersey.

Dr. L. C. Scott, the esteemed pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church will deliver a special sermon to the congregation and friends of the Price Memorial Church tonight for the missionary committee of the above named church. Mrs. Cora Flipping has charge of the services.

Commercial Appeal **PROMINENT NEGRO HEARD.**

MARIANNA, Ark., Oct. 19.—The supreme council of the Grand Order of Shepherds is holding its seventh annual convocation here this week. The reports showed that nearly \$300,000 had been collected and over \$250,000 paid out for sick claims.

The feature of the convocation was the address tonight of Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., of Philadelphia. Dr. Wright was widely advertised as "the best educated negro in America." He is editor of the Christian Recorder, official organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He holds the degree of master of arts and bachelor of divinity from the University of Chicago and doctor of philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the first man of his race to be granted a research fellowship. He studied in the universities of Berlin and Leipzig, Germany, and has traveled extensively over Europe. He is the author of numerous books and pamphlets and has been employed by the state government of Pennsylvania and the national government at Washington to make researches in his favorite line of study—sociology. He is the only negro who, with his father, occupies a place in "Who's Who in America." 10/20/22

A large crowd greeted Dr. Wright, among whom were some of the most prominent men of the state, including former Gov. C. A. Brough, Senator J. T. Robinson, Col. E. A. Robinson, cashier of the Lee County National Bank; former Mayor Dupree and others. The leading colored people turned out en masse.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Christian Recorder
10/20/22

I am now on my way back to Philadelphia after a hasty trip to Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. The occasion of my trip was to speak at the seventh convocation of the Grand Circle of Shepherds, Arkansas Jurisdiction, Dr. E. J. Money, Supreme Grand Ruler. This is one of the many fraternal organizations among our people. It was organized by Dr. Money, who is a Mississippian by birth, a graduate of Fisk, Northwestern and Chicago Universities. It has taken in over \$250,000, and paid out over \$200,000 since its organization. Other officers of the organization are: S. H. Hearne, Vice-Grand Ruler; Miss Grace J. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. A. B. Perry, Chaplain; Dr. D. B. Taylor, Grand Medical Examiner; Mrs. A. Lindsay, Grand Regent.

I was greeted by a large audience in the Second Baptist Church, and spoke for an hour and a half on the greatest present needs of the race, which I summed up as life extension,

PROGRESS AND HISTORY

OF K. AND D. OF TABOR

Chicago Defender
The Knights and Daughters of Tabor, International Order of Tabor, have been operating throughout the United States for more than 55 years. The order really operated during the days of slavery and the activities of John Brown and the underground railroad, and during that period rendered much service to fleeing slaves out of the slaveholding states of the South. It, of course, had its successes and its setbacks, and through that activity it merged into new life after the memorable proclamation of the immortal Abraham Lincoln.



S. A. Jordan

erent temples and tabernacles of the United States, held its session here at Quinn chapel, 24th street and Washash avenue, and the reports showed that the state of Illinois has done its quota toward the era of prosperity which Tabor now enjoys. Sir Jordan expressed great satisfaction with the progress of Illinois and personally complimented the late Sir Louis F. Finnie, then chief grand mentor, and Daughter Henrietta P. Lee, grand high preceptress, for their tireless efforts, and appreciated efforts that they had made in their labor for Tabor.

Then came upon the scene the Rev. Moses Dickson, who had been active before that in this great movement for freedom of person and soul, and through various phases of life from time to time he built and brought into operation the Knights of Liberty, which activities were continued up until 1872, after which time the Knights of Liberty became known as the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, in Leavenworth, Kan.

At this time the grand temple and tabernacle of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was formed, which began active work throughout the entire country. Working through this phase as an annual body at Mobile, Ala., in 1887, jurisdictions were formed which practically placed the government of the order in each state under a chief grand mentor. Since that time, with a membership of less than 2,000, the Knights and Daughters of Tabor have gone forward to the welfare of our people, directing and organizing and teaching the lesson of thrift and integrity, and the benefit of understanding government in all its parts. It has succeeded in accomplishing much good work for the benefit of the masses, not individuals.

Rev. Moses Dickson, father and founder of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, was born April 5, 1824, and died Nov. 28, 1901, at which time S. A. Jordan, then the international vice grand mentor, by virtue of succession, became the international chief grand mentor. The order has steadily moved forward since that time, and S. A. Jordan has allowed the order to lag in the lag and since the death of the father and founder has established the jurisdictions of Georgia, Oklahoma, Florida, California and Virginia, having increased the membership from 30,000 to 175,000 adults, and the Maids and Pages, which is the children's department, to 40,000.

During last August the triennial, which is a grand meeting of the dif-

New York Pythians Purchase Site For \$275,000 Building

New York Age
Five Lots at 144th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, Acquired and Building Is Expected to Be Ready for Occupancy in 12 Months

1/3 8/22 — down a decision in the case of the Pythian grand chancellor of New York State, Lee Crawford of 307 Sickles avenue, New Rochelle, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. & A., will within the next twelve months occupy their own Pythian Temple at 144th street and Lenox avenue.

Five lots at this location have been purchased from the Pinckney estate. Plans are in process for a building which is to cost \$275,000, and which will be designed to accommodate not only the Pythian lodges and Courts of Calanthe, but all lodges and societies in need of lodge room facilities.

The Pythian Commission in charge of the project is headed by Grand Chancellor Crawford as president, the other members being C. Franklin Carr, financial secretary; J. H. Dickerson, recording secretary; Samuel J. Davis, treasurer; C. S. Brownley and Mrs. Bessie R. Johnston.

Move Started to Bar K. of P. From Arkansas

Associated Press Report
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 12.—Application for an order forever restraining the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and the State of Arkansas from doing business in this State, was filed in circuit court Thursday by State Attorney General Utley. Mr. Utley also asks that a receiver be appointed to wind up the organization's affairs.

The attorney general alleged the organization violated the State insurance laws in contributing to a fund raised for the defense of negroes charged with murder in connection with the Elaine race riots of 1919.

WATKINS WINS CASE FOR PYTHIANS IN ARKANSAS

Chicago
Little Rock, Ark., May 26.—The attorney general of the State of Arkansas filed a bill in the Circuit court of Pulaski county against the Grand Lodge of Pythias of Arkansas asking for a receiver for the organization because of irregularities charged, among which was contributing to the Elaine rioters' fund.

The case was tried on the 16th and 17th of the month. The court handed

HAWKINS LAUNCHES GRAND LODGE IN NEW ORLEANS

Chicago Defender
New Orleans, La., June 23.—One day sufficed for W. Ashbie Hawkins, prominent Pythian, supreme chancellor Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western hemispheres, and George E. Gordon of Boston, Mass., supreme keeper of records and seals, to organize and start going a Pythian grand lodge in this city.

This grand lodge, which shall be under the supervision of the supreme lodge, has for its officers the following: M. S. Satterwhite, past G. C., of Winnfield, La.; Howard McGuinis, grand C. C.; A. Wills, grand V. C.; Allen James, Jr., grand K. of R. and S.; E. C. Rodgers, grand M. of E.; Harry Wells, grand M. of F.; S. J. Robertson, grand M. and A.; W. G. Gilbert, grand I. G.; Clifford Allen, grand O. G.; Joseph McGee and Blaine Chester, supreme representatives, and G. W. Lucas, M. D., grand medical director.

The election of officers and organization took place at Cotton Yardmen's hall, Gravier and Dryades streets. After this business was completed many social affairs were given by local citizens in honor of the distinguished out-of-town fraternal men. Mr. Hawkins, supreme chancellor, was at one time a candidate for the United States senate. The supreme lodge of which he is head has headquarters in Boston in a \$210,000 building.

ARKANSAS K. P. HOLD ELECTION

Chicago
Supreme Attorney S. A. T. Watkins Of Chicago, Presides During Stormy Session. Fred. D. Morris, G. K. of R. And S., Scores Victory.

New England K. of P.'s Meet; Annual Address by Chisholm

New York Age
(Special to The New York Age) 7-15-22

Providence, R. I.—The fourth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A. opened its four days session here Monday, July 3, and concluded its sessions on July 6. In point of attendance and enthusiasm, this was the most successful convention in the history of the New England grand lodge. Grand Chancellor E. B. Barco presided at all of the sessions. The ladies of the Grand Court comprised half of the delegates and visitors.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of Louisiana, head of the Order in the United States, was present and made an address. He congratulated the Grand Lodge on the acquisition of its \$60,000 Pythian Temple in Boston, and assured Grand Chancellor Barco of his support in all his undertakings. The supreme chancellor gave a resume of the work of the Order in the United States and dwelt especially on the Pythian Bath House at Hot Springs, Ark., which, when finished, will be second to none in the world.

"The Knights of Pythias own more substantial real estate than any other colored fraternal organization," he said. "They have temples ranging in value from \$25,000 to \$250,000. In its last report the Supreme Lodge showed a cash balance of \$4,932,000." The supreme chancellor was given three rousing cheers when he concluded his address.

Grand Chancellor Lee Crawford of the State of New York, who has completed his eighteenth year in this exalted position, brought greetings from the grand lodge of his jurisdiction.

The re-election of Sir E. B. Barco as grand chancellor of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was received with long and enthusiastic applause. He now enters upon his fifth term as grand chancellor.

THE ELAINE RIOT CASES FIGURE IN PROCEEDINGS

Special to the Argus

Pine Bluff, Ark., Aug 7.—The Forty-fifth annual session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, jurisdiction of Arkansas, which although not quite so harmonious as previous sessions, yet a very successful one, was held at Branch Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas July 25, to 28 inclusive. The annual reports of the Grand Officers and Trustees were well received and approved. Henry Avant was re-elected Grand Chancellor after encountering quite a bit of opposition from Ed. Pembroke of Chicot County and a second ballot necessary before Mr. Avant secured

a majority number of votes sufficient for re-election. Fred D. Morris who delivered one of the most eloquent addresses and rendered an unusually remarkable report of his office was unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for the sixth consecutive time, thus making his tenure of office one year longer than any of his predecessors. Yet Mr. Morris was not without opposition for his office, there being seven candidates in the field for his place. The popularity of Mr. Morris was well attested by the fact that the combined vote of his opponents amounted to only 60 votes. Mr. Theo. Bond of Madison was re-elected Grand Master of Exchequer, but Mr. N. W. Shelton, who has been Grand attorney for a number of years was decisively defeated for that office by Mr. J. R. Booker one of the youngest and most successful attorneys in the South-West. Much credit for the remarkable growth of the Order in this State is attributed to the business-like methods and accurate accounts of F. D. Morris, G. K. R. S. Theo. Bond and Fred D. Morris were elected Supreme Representatives for the Grand jurisdiction of Arkansas to the Supreme Lodge which meets in New York City in 1923.

Lawsuit

It will be remembered that an effort was made by the Insurance Commissioners of this State several months ago to place the Knights of Pythias of Arkansas in the hands of Receivers but the order won in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County and the case was appealed by the Commissioners to the Supreme Court of Arkansas where it is now pending. The suit was filed against the K. of P. because of the alleged disappearance of records in the fee of the G. K. R. S. and the contributing funds to the Elaine prisoners. This information was supposed to have been given by members of the order who were candidates for office this Grand Lodge. There were a number of members in a certain section of the State who have been aspirants for offices in the Grand Lodge and so having failed to obtain these offices through the ballot at the annual grand lodge sessions, next sought to have removed the present incumbents whose offices they were seeking. In their efforts to discredit these officers against whom their guns were pointed they tried to make it appear that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was responsible for the disappearance of certain records that were wanted by the Commissioners, whereas testimony given in the Court conclusively exonerated the officers of any connection at all for the disappearance of the records in question. Two months prior to the law suit the Insurance Commissioners had made an exhaustive investigation of the office and books of the G. K. R. S. and rendered a very

commendable report with respect to this particular office. It was then only after the report made by the Commissioner that the members who were dissatisfied with certain officers carried the order into court and endeavored to introduce such evidence as might reflect on the integrity of some officers of the Order.

Knights of Pythias in Arkansas

The jurisdiction of Arkansas is the third largest jurisdiction in the country having more than 19 thousand members with assets totaling more than \$200,000. More than a quarter of a million dollars pass through the hands of the G. K. R. S. yearly and not once in the past five years has it been shown that there were any irregularities in the conduct of this office. In November 1921 an office building and theatre was completed at a cost of nearly \$70,000 and no more beautiful building can be seen anywhere in this section of the country. In this building are the offices of the Grand Chancellor and G. K. R. S. There are really holding amounting to \$150,000, and other assets amount to more than \$50,000. With such efficient competent and aggressive officers as Mr. Henry Avant and Mr. Fred D. Morris capably directing the financial affairs of the Order, it is looked forward to the time when this jurisdiction will be about the richest in the whole country. No other jurisdiction in the country has as one of its chief officers a person who is as young as Fred D. Morris and it will be good news to his

BLOUNT RE-ELECTED; PYTHIANS PAY ALL DEBTS, AND LEAVE \$136,818 IN TREASURY; ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

BIG PARADE FEATURES SESSION. THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES AND FRIENDS ATTEND THE MEETING. FIVE THOUSAND IN LINE OF MARCH. BIG REPORTS MAKE INTEREST RUN HIGH.

Next Meeting Will Be in Birmingham; Grand Lodge Adopts Reporter as Its Official Organ

Birmingham Reporter 8-19-22
Supreme Chancellor Green is Praised. Opening Program a Big Feature. Orations and Essays Interesting. Salaries of All Officers Were Raised. Recommendations for a Home to Support Poor Pythians is in the Hands of a Committee.

Special to The Birmingham Reporter.
No doubt the most attractive convention ever held in this city is that of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama, holding their annual session at the State Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The session opened Tuesday morning August 8th and was called to order by Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount, who has served in this station for more than twenty-one years. Some three hundred delegates and friends are assembled and Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green is one of the special guests attending the session. The credential committee made a partial report and all delegates have been seated and just a few contested seats are noted.

At the church Tuesday night, a very interesting program was rendered. Mr. D. G. Valentine acted as Master of Ceremonies and was interesting because of his method of handling the program. The church choir furnished music for the opening occasion, and Rev. J. W. Walker, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. church, prayed the opening prayer.

The welcome address on behalf of the city was delivered by Dr. W. D. Speights, filling the place of the Mayor, George E. Crawford. Response was made by Mr. L. L. Powell, Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars. Both addresses were interesting and too made quite an impression.

Dr. E. T. Belsaw, widely known for

his eloquence and pleasant English, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the citizens of Mobile, which was interesting from start to finish, and complimented the Pythian Order in this jurisdiction. He made special references to the Grand Lodge Officers. Oscar W. Adams, of Birmingham, made the response.

Sir S. C. Cheatman sang a solo. Mrs. W. D. Speights also sang a beautiful solo. Both were loudly applauded.

The Court of Calanthe was represented by Mrs. Mayme Smith in a welcome and was responded to by Mrs. J. E. Cowling, of Montgomery.

Dr. T. W. Tobin welcomed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Pythians of Mobile in a very eloquent manner and was responded to in equal force by Mr. R. E. Sims, of Birmingham.

The solo of Mr. J. E. Dyer, of Lodge Number 18 was one of the special features of the program as well as the brilliant address of Mr. H. H. Glover, who used for his subject, "Our Relation to Tuggle Institute."

The Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green, closed the ceremonies with a one-minute address which created great interest and applause. The entire program was full and interesting.

Wednesday was taken in hearing reports of various committees and discussions on many propositions affecting the interest of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, as well as the big parade Wednesday evening, head-

ed by the Uniform Rank and nearly five thousand people were in line.

The Uniform Rank, headed by Brigadier General G. S. Norman, made a most attractive showing and offered great inspiration to the membership and the public as well.

Thursday's Session.

Thursday was perhaps the most interesting day and in a nutshell offers the interesting record for the 1922 Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge officers reported and every department showed a most handsome balance, far in excess of previous years. The Grand Chancellor made some recommendations that were approved and passed into the hands of special committeemen.

Among these recommendations was one to have a home for poor and dependent members, where they could be kept and cared for and released from the general charities of the public. The next proposition was to provide a way to aid helpless individuals who have been on the Lodge for keep and comfort during many month and years. This proposition was favored by the Grand Lodge, the details of which might be worked out by the next session.

In his report, Endowment Secretary Morris Smith, stated that he had collected some seventy odd thousand dollars and this amount had been turned over to the Endowment Treasurer, Dr. U. G. Mason. Dr. Mason showed a balance in the treasury of all departments reported to him the neat sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars. The Grand Lodge applauded. Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green complimented the officers and members for what they are doing in Alabama. The Grand Master of exchequer showed a balance of more than four thousand dollars and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals showed a collection of nearly twenty thousand dollars.

That the Order is progressing in Alabama was shown by the reports of the various officers, and further substantiated by the report of the Grand Medical Registrar, Dr. A. B. McKenzie, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, when he reported having passed upon more than five thousand certificates for new and reinstated members since August, 1921, to August, 1922. This is perhaps the most flattering report for many years past, and the doctor emphasized the fact that the death rate is decreasing and gave in detail facts concerning the death rate and the causes of death for every person who died during this fraternal year. It was an interesting report and showed care and interest.

The Grand Attorney E. A. Brown

was interesting when he spoke of the progress of the order in this State, pointing out in his annual address the methods used to keep the Order free of legal entanglements, and how he succeeded in changing his views of some of the positions expressed by the State authority. He cited a few cases handled under his direction, and showed in all of them that his department had been successful.

Among the new laws passed and orders given were those defining the duties of the Grand Chancellor and the Board of Directors, changing the constitution so as to make a law or change one in any session by a two-third vote of the Grand Lodge instead of being forced under the present law to have a unanimous vote, and passing a law to have an official organ of the Order and adopting the Birmingham Reporter as that organ. As a general proposition, the Grand Lodge was a success and closed its business in rapid order. Notwithstanding there were minor contentions and smothered charges, none reached the floor of the convention with sufficient force for consideration. In fact, the Grand Lodge went thru with its work with little apprehensions and a cheerful spirit.

Officers Elected.

There were no changes in the official rank. Dr. W. H. Mixon nominated Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount and he was re-elected by acclamation, and by motion other officers were elected as follows: J. W. Sampson, Lodge No. 3, Birmingham, Past Grand Chancellor; J. W. Goree, Lodge No. 9, Selma, Ala., Vice Grand Chancellor; I. H. Belser, Lodge No. 34, Montgomery, Alabama, Grand Prelate; Robt. Mabry, Lodge No. 3, Birmingham, Grand Master of Exchequer; W. H. Brazier, Lodge No. 18, Mobile, Ala., Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; Wm. Bates, Lodge No. 49, Brighton, Ala., Grand Master at Arms; K. H. Roberson, Lodge No. 320, Praco, Ala., Grand Marshal; L. J. Lewis, Lodge No. 45, Montgomery, Grand Lecturer; A. C. Collier, Lodge No. 28, Bessemer, Ala., Grand Inner Guard; D. A. Marble, Lodge No. 341, LaFayette, Ala., Grand Outer Guard; Attorney E. A. Brown, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala., Grand Attorney; Dr. A. B. McKenzie, Lodge No. 343, Tuscaloosa, Grand Medical Registrar.

Board of Directors.

E. W. Routen, Lodge No. 7, Birmingham, Ala.; A. G. Benning, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.; W. H. Mixon, Lodge No. 9, Selma, Ala.; Jerry Reed, Lodge No. 128, Birmingham, Ala.; T. A. Ferguson, Lodge No. 15, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; W. C. Davis, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.; Henry Dorsey, Lodge No. 71, Mobile, Ala.;

James Henderson, Lodge No. 46, Troy, Ala.; John B. Butts, Lodge No. 3, Birmingham, Ala.

Endowment Board.

I. B. Kigh, Chairman, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.; W. W. Green, Lodge No. 3, Birmingham, Ala.; J. D. Dumas, Lodge No. 270, Acmar, Ala.; Morris Smith, Lodge No. 34, Montgomery, Ala.; U. G. Mason, Endowment Treasurer, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.

Supreme Representatives—Short Term
R. A. Blount, Lodge No. 7, Birmingham, Ala.; E. G. Moore, Lodge No. 45, Montgomery, Ala.

Supreme Representatives—Long Term
R. E. Sims, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.; W. B. Foster, Lodge No. 23, Birmingham, Ala.

The Birmingham Reporter was made the official organ of the Order, and the Grand Lodge will meet in Birmingham, Alabama.

When seen by a representative of this publication, Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount stated substantially as follows: "We are complimented for this year's work and our members have worked faithfully this year. I believe that there will be a closer communion now than ever before. You and all the rest will have need to compliment us more loudly and continuously when we meet in Birmingham."

"There is no reason why the Pythians of this State should not roll up ten thousand members this year. It can be done. I am going to see the lodges; I am going to see the brethren; I am going to talk to Grand and subordinate officers, members and friends. We must make a big showing this year. Every force must be put at work. There can be no drones. The Grand Officers, faithful as they have been in the past, are required now, more than ever to come forward with greater results."

All the salaries were raised when committee on laws reported.

INTERNAT'L CONFERENCE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

Order Has Changed Its Position
And Will Convene With The
Shriners In August.

The International Conference of the Knights Templar, which was scheduled to meet in Louisville, Kentucky, next August, has changed its position and attitude and will hold its biennial convocation in Washington, D. C., next August. This was the final decision of the Advisory Board of the organization at a meeting held several days ago. This information explains a matter that has been of particular interest to the Knights Templar and Shriners throughout the United States for many months.

The Shriners' Convention, held here during last summer, settled on Washington as the city in which to hold its annual meeting in August. The fact that a greater proportion of the constituency of the Shrine Order claims membership also with the Knights Templar department, it is said that at this period when the whole fabric of Negro Freemasonry is undergoing careful and scrutinizing inquiry, it is imperative necessary that the two upper branches of the order convene in the Capital City at the same time. These conventions will assemble the highest type and most responsible men of our Race. There, they will be under inspection by the President and his cabinet, representatives of our government, potentates and other dignitaries of foreign governments. This gathering of high Masons will present our best to those who are sentiment makers and they will view the Negro Masonic family at its height.

It is thought that the recent agreement of the Knights to go to Washington in August was brought about through the strategy of Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., who has vigorously contended for it, for the good of the Shrine and the other appendant bodies of Masonry.

Dr. E. S. Dickerson of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Advisory Board, International Conference of Knights Templar, will issue a proclamation advising the Fraters throughout the country that the next session of the Knights Templars will be held in Washington.

The August meeting will be attended by the largest body of Shriners and Knights Templar ever assembled.

BIRMINGHAM ALA NEWS
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WORK IS STARTED ON NEGRO TEMPLE

Masonic Body Completes Purchase Of Site And Begins Construction.

Construction work has begun on a marble front building, 60x140 feet, which will be fireproof throughout, and built of marble, concrete and steel for the grand lodge of A. F. and A. M., colored, of Alabama, at the northwest corner of Fourth Avenue and North Seventeenth Street.

The McConnell-White-Terry Realty and Insurance Company has just consummated the sale, announced in The News some time ago, of lots 18, 19 and 20 in block 63, constituting the corner mentioned, with a frontage on Fourth Avenue of 100 feet, and extending back of that uniform with 140 feet to an alley. The property was owned and sold by H. R. Terry, S. M. Bernheim and Mrs. L. L. McConnell for \$60,000, all cash, and was purchased by the colored Masonic grand lodge.

The new building is to be four stories high, fully equipped with all modern facilities as to comfort and convenience, and is to be used as a Masonic temple. In addition to the temple, the building is to have stores on the ground floor and offices and lodges on upper three floors.

Windham Brothers Construction Company has the contract of the erection of the proposed building and is now clearing the ground preparatory to beginning construction, which is hoped to be completed within nine months. The work will be under the general supervision of the temple committee: W. H. Ward, A. A. Peters, R. B. Hudson, F. D. Davis and W. T. Woods, chairman. J. O. Diffay represented the purchasers in the sale of the above property.

MASONS BREAK GROUND FOR NEW TEMPLE

Impressive Ceremonies at
Beginning of Huge
Structure

LODGES TURN OUT

Building to be one of the
Most Beautiful in
Washington

Washington Tribune
7/10/22

After singing "How Firm a Foundation" and "Onward Christian Soldier" with a few appropriate remarks, the ground breaking by the Masons of the District for their new temple proceeded with alacrity Saturday afternoon, which impressed the large crowd assembled on the lot at the corner of 10th and U Streets Northwest, for the occasion, that it was a business proposition they were undertaking.

The various lodges and chapters of the Easter Star assembled at the hall on 11th Street and marched over to the U Street corner, arriving about 5:30 p. m. Grand Master Mitchell was the Master of Ceremonies. Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ella Campbell was the first person presented and she made timely remarks, when she said: "The world requires action, not words. Down-right constructive action will erect this building. We appeal to the fault-finders, the knockers and the old grouch to put your shoulders to the wheel with us and we will put up this building in record time. Let us talk it up; let us pray it up and let us pay up."

Grand Master Mitchell made a short address as did Samuel T. Craig, G. C., an dC. P. Ford, G. S.

The building, as indicated by the plans, will cover the lot, which is about 95 feet on U Street and 120 feet on 10th Street and is to be five stories with basement. The basement is to be used as club rooms for men. There is to be an arcade with stores on the first floor; the second and third floors will be given over to an auditorium; fourth floor is for the Eastern Star and the fifth floor for lodge rooms for the order.

This will be one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington and will open new stores for colored people desiring desirable locations on the fast growing U Street.

The steam shovel has been working all the week and much dirt has been

hauled away. The excavation is to be nine feet deep.

BROOKLYN N Y EAGLE

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HARDING VIEWS NEGRO PARADE
Washington, Aug. 11—President Harding stood for nearly half an hour yesterday at the west entrance of the White House grounds reviewing a parade of negro Knights Templar who are holding a convention here.

In the Dim and Distant Past

NASHVILLE TENN BANNER
OCTOBER 22, 1922

Negro Masonry

It seems strange in this day and time that any reputable newspaper would publish an article calculated to induce its readers to believe that the so-called Negro Masonic order is as legitimate as the white one that traces its genealogy back to the building of King Solomon's Temple, but such is the case. In the New York World of Sunday, Oct. 8, appears an article something over a column in length, written by one Lester A. Walton, from which is extracted the following, which is the gist of the article:

"On March 6, 1775, in a British army lodge holding a warrant under the grand lodge of England, and attached to one of the regiments stationed in or near Boston, commanded by Gen. Gage, Prince Hall and fourteen other Negroes were duly initiated and admitted as members of good standing in the Masonic fraternity.

"Nine years later the fifteen Negro Masons, all of whom resided in Boston, applied to the grand lodge of England for permission to be set apart as a regular lodge. The application was granted and a warrant issued them Sept. 29, 1784, authorizing the setting up of a regular lodge, to be known as African Lodge No. 459, with Prince Hall as master.

"It was not until April 29, 1787, that the warrant from the mother grand lodge of the world was received, the delay in delivery being primarily due to chaotic conditions, superinduced by the strained relations existing between the colonies and Great Britain. Four days after the warrant had been turned over to Prince Hall and his colleagues the African Lodge was organized and entered on the English registry with other colonial Masonic bodies. The original warrant issued by the grand lodge of England to the fifteen Negroes is to this day kept in a vault in Boston by the Prince Hall grand lodge of Massachusetts."

Most of the foregoing is correct. It is true that the charter was granted, and admitting, for the sake of argument, that the fifteen Negroes initiated were "regular," let us take a bird's-eye view of subsequent events.

The petition for the charter was entrusted to a Capt. Scott, master of a London vessel sailing from Boston, through whose influence, and, it was alleged, misrepresentations, the charter was granted, but it was not received until 1787. Its existence was of short duration, for, failing to make reports to the grand lodge of England for three or four years, it was stricken from the roll of the subordinated lodges. Such was the beginning and end of the only lodge of colored Ma-

sons ever opened in America under the sanction of any acknowledged grand lodge in the world.

When a subordinate lodge in any jurisdiction in the world fails to make returns to the grand lodge for a certain prescribed time, the charter is revoked and its members become non-affiliates, and can only become members of a working lodge by application to the grand secretary for a certificate that he was a member of the defunct lodge, which certificate can be used in place of a dimit, having the same force and effect. Should a number of people obtain possession of the old charter and set themselves up as a Masonic lodge, they would be classed as "clandestine," and no intercourse could be had with them by the regular lodges. This is the plight of the resurrectionists of the old Prince Hall Lodge.

The World article says further that Prince Hall, as grand master, provisional grand master, in 1791 (ten years after the English charter was granted and at least five years after its charter was revoked) granted a license to thirteen Negroes in Philadelphia to establish a lodge in the Quaker City. About the same time he granted a charter for a lodge at Providence, R. I., and these three lodges formed the "African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," which, in 1808, after the death of Prince Hall, was changed to the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," and from this source Negro Masonry spread throughout the United States.

From what has been stated, it will be seen that the original and only lodge of colored Masons in the United States—Prince Hall Lodge No. 459 of Boston, Mass.—which was "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity," had a brief existence of possibly five years at the outside, and then was killed and buried without hope of resurrection, although it appears that the grave-robbers exhumed the rotten carcass and endeavored to instill life into the inanimate body, for five years after its burial Prince Hall is found exercising the prerogatives of a grand master by granting charters to establish new lodges, when the highest rank he ever attained was that of master of a lodge, and a master cannot grant charters.

Should fifteen Masons of the lodges of Nashville set themselves up as a regular lodge and confer the degrees in the exact manner that they are conferred by the lodges of the state, through whose influence, and, it was alleged, misrepresentations, the charter was granted, but it was not received until 1787. Its existence was of short duration, for, failing to make reports to the grand lodge of England for three or four years, it was stricken from the roll of the subordinated lodges. Such was the beginning and end of the only lodge of colored Ma-

"regular" Masons. It is time the public should know they are not.

When the average business man of the present day sends a lot of mail to the postoffice and has it come back marked "Insufficient postage," he is very apt to indulge in "curses not loud, but deep," and to pronounce anathema marantha upon the entire postoffice department from the postmaster-general all down the line to the genial Jack MacKenzie, the high mucky-muck of the carriers of the Nashville postoffice. But if the aforesaid business man would take a bird's-eye view of what our forefathers had to pay they would take a different turn of mind.

On July 1, 1845, a new postoffice law went into effect by which single letters, weighing not over half an ounce, could be sent a distance under 300 miles for 5 cents—over 300 miles, 10 cents. A newspaper published at that time made the following calculations for the benefit of its subscribers (which sounds curious now) of what might be sent for a single rate of postage:

1. One and a half sheets of letter paper, sealed with wax or wafer.

2. One sheet of letter paper, with large or small envelope, sealed with wax or wafer.

3. One sheet of foolscap, with small envelope, sealed with wafer.

4. One sheet of letter paper, with a quarter eagle (\$2.50) enclosed, and secured with wax, and the letter sealed with wax.

5. Half a sheet of letter paper, or light foolscap, with a half eagle enclosed, secured and sealed with wafer.

6. A sheet of letter paper could contain a dime and a half, or a half sheet could contain a quarter of a dollar.

7. A sheet of letter paper could enclose seven bank notes and be sealed with wax, or three bank notes and the whole in an envelope.

It seems that our present money order system was not the original method of sending money by mail, and evidently the registered letter had not been thought of. The publisher of the newspaper referred to gave the following instructions to subscribers in making remittances:

"A subscriber owes us two or eight dollars, which he wishes to remit us. He will pay this amount to the postmaster in his own town, and take his receipt for it as money paid him on our account. He will then send that receipt, enclosed in a letter, to us. We pass it to the postmaster and get the money for it. Our agents are requested to make their remittances in this way when the amount to be remitted does not exceed ten dollars."

Evidently the amount to be sent this way was limited to ten dollars. It does not appear that any charge was made for this service, though I do not know of any instance where the government ever did anything without remuneration.

WASHINGTON GIVES KEYS TO VISITORS

Delegates Throng Nation's Capital to Take Part in Masonic Conclave

By J. LeCOUNT CHESTNUT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—Despite the ominous forebodings of the railroad strike and its seeming indications of unfavorable effects on the conference, the nation's capital for the past week, Aug. 6 to 12, has been the scene of what is probably one of the most mammoth joint conventions of Masonic bodies, with their auxiliaries, ever held. Beginning with Saturday, Aug. 5, members of the various groups of the craft started pouring in. The great Union station was, for two or three days, the scene of ever-increasing throngs. Men and women from all sections, many distinguished by their regalia and decorations, crowded the vast concourse, while passing on to the waiting cars and automobiles, which were to convey them to their places of abode.

Western Arrivals

One of the most picturesque and impressive group arrivals was that of the special Western group, which arrived at 6:30 p. m. Aug. 5. Special trains of observation and club cars, standard Pullman compartments and open section sleepers, all carrying diners, rolled into the station bearing the famous marching club, past and members of Minnehaha Temple No. 39, St. Louis, accompanied by units from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Chicago which had joined them en route. Theirs, too, was a most significant route; over the fertile plains of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, through the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains of West Virginia and Northern Maryland, a country pregnant with memories of the soul-trying struggles of the Civil war—holy shrines of the Race's liberation—past Harpers Ferry, the citadel of freedom's human incarnation, "that grim old man of the '60s," John Brown, and along the banks of the Potomac into Washington. And, say, these groups as they hopped off their cars unlimbered themselves, shaking out the kinks and stiffness and then, marching out, furnished a vision of organization, morale and inspiration.

It is safe to estimate that 25,000 members of the Masonic and allied auxiliary bodies made the pilgrimage to Washington, their Mecca of 1922.

Streets Crowded

The streets for the week, particularly in the Northwest section, the center of most of the craft gatherings, have been nervous with action and alive with crowd motion. Young and old, gay and grim, resplendent and plain, male and female, they all have mingled in one passing throng, especially on U street from 14th to Seventh, the Washington street which holds a place analogous to Pittsburgh's famous Wylie avenue, Baltimore's well known Druid Hill avenue, New York's renowned Lenox avenue and Chicago's illustrious State street.

Decorations galore bespoke "Welcome to our city" as they decked Race business place after place, and even private dwellings—pennants, banners and flags. In addition were the decorations of insignia—Scottish Rite, Templar, Royal Arch, Master Mason, Shriner, Eastern Star, Isis, Daughters of Cyrene and Heroine, Templar Crusaders—exhibiting cross and crown, square and compasses, five-pointed star and scimitar.

These scenes, these groups, these individuals, all evidences of education, refinement, culture and organization, were glorious and inspiring beyond all description. Memories will long linger of the Lincoln theater, St. Luke's hall, the Whitelav hotel, the huge John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, the American league, ball park, the steamer E. Madison Hall on the river of "all quiet along the Potomac" fame, and the somber, impressive home and grounds of the late illustrious American, the Race's own Frederick Douglass! All these are mile-stones on the road of life.

International Conference

International conferences among Masonic bodies and auxiliary groups, comparatively recent in development, evidence what is held to be a high-water mark in organization progress. It is said by leading Masons that these gatherings, involving, as they do, no contributions, have done much to bring about a better general understanding and to advance the best interests of the several groups and jurisdictions involved. Besides, it is maintained, much has been accomplished towards the standardization of degree work, and the sending forth of a uniform literary output to all. It is also held that much has been accomplished in the direction of stamping out spurious bodies.

MEMBERS OF 13 BODIES TO MAKE UP CONVENTIONS

Delegates From All States
Will Form Largest Gathering
of the Year

BIG PROGRAM PLANNED

Washington Is All Dressed Up and will Royally Entertain Visitors

Washington is all agog over the annual conventions of Masonic bodies, which will convene here officially Monday morning. The first group of delegates came in about Wednesday of this week and a constant stream has been coming in since then. The height of the arrivals is expected Monday morning. The local lodges have been preparing for months for the entertaining of the convention. The town is all decorated and a holiday spirit prevails everywhere. This will be possibly the largest national gathering of colored people in the United States this year which will bring together thirteen Masonic Bodies in this city next week. Officials of the local orders are preparing for twenty thousand visitors.

The various bodies will meet separately and confer their various degrees. The Shriners will carry their Novices across the Sands of the Desert; The Templars will Knight their applicants while the Scottish Rite will exalt to the sublime degree those that pass the test, and so on thru the list of the thirteen bodies.

The parades Wednesday and Thursday followed by the competitive drill at the park will attract thousands of persons. The balls at Conventoin Hall following the Park displays will attract hundreds.

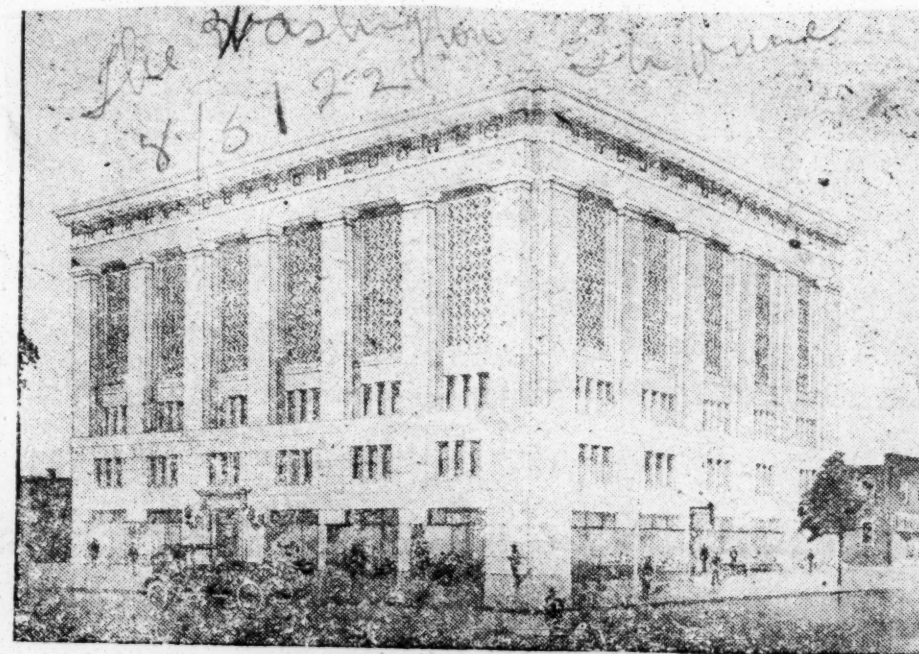
The Memorials on Sunday and the Cornerstone laying and dedication of the Scottish Rite Temple, on Tuesday, followed by the dedication of the Fred Douglass Home in Anacostia Saturday will be impressive ceremonies.

Other features of the week are luncheons, banquets and midnight shows.

This will be the 23rd Annual session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America. The 8th Biennial International Conference of Knights Templars. The 13th annual Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis and the 8th Interstate Conference of the Order of the Eastern Star.

All Washington is dressed up and

prepared for this the most important gathering of the year. Washingtonians have cut short their vacations in order to be present and help in every way possible to make it pleasant for the thousands of visitors who are expected here next week.



THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

The above cut represents the new Masonic Temple, now being erected at the corner of 10th and U Streets, Northwest. The excavation for this building was completed Thursday of this week. The cornerstone is to be laid Tuesday afternoon August 8th. The lot is 94 feet on U Street by 120 feet on 10th Street. The building is to cover this ground.

The basement, which is to be nine feet under ground, is to have club rooms, banquet hall and library. The first floor is to have eleven store rooms. The second and third floors will be made into an auditorium, with a mezzanine floor, with ten office rooms around it. The fourth floor is

to be used by the Eastern Star and Commanderies. The fifth floor will be occupied by two lodge rooms for the Blue Lodge.

The walls facing Tenth and U Streets will be faced with imitation granite from New York State. The building will be equipped with all modern improvements, including two elevators.

The stores have all been contracted for and practically all of the offices are let.

The District of Columbia will soon have one of the most modern Masonic Temples that is to be found anywhere in the United States.

Mosaic Templars of America, Jurisdiction of Alabama, L. L. Powell, of Montgomery, state grand master, has been brought to a close at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. John W. Goodgame, pastor, after holding three sessions a day for four days. Officers were installed by National Grand Master Dr. S. J. Elliott, of Little Rock.

Preceding the installation exercises, the visitors, more than a thousand in number, were tendered a reception with refreshments in the basement and Sunday school annex of the church by colored citizens of Birmingham.

W. E. Dancer conducted song service, singing several of his original songs, the "Mosaic Train," "The Mosaics Are Taking This Country," etc. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain Ma'therson. Addresses were delivered by National

BIRMINGHAM ALA NEWS
JULY 23, 1922

NEGRO TEMPLARS CLOSE CONVENTION

Thirteenth Annual Session,
Held Here, Draws Big
Delegation.

The thirteenth annual session of the

Grand Master Elliott, State Grand Master L. L. Powell and E. Julius Williams, of Anniston, transportation agent, who did much to bring to Birmingham the largest attendance of delegates in the history of the organization.

Rev. M. Moreland, of Troy, Ala., read a fine report from a committee commending the remarkable success of the general officers during the year.

A report on nomination of officers was read by Dr. J. W. Goodgame and unanimously adopted.

A heated, but good-natured contest followed the report of the committee on naming the place for the next meeting, the convention being nearly divided by contestants for Montgomery and Decatur.

Much oratory was displayed by the Montgomery delegates, led by Dr. J. P. Barbour, pastor of Day Street Baptist Church and the persistent advocates of Decatur, directed by Dr. Goodgame, whose stirring appeal won for his cause a majority of 38 votes. Dr. Goodgame did the counting. On motion of Dr. Barbour, the vote for Decatur was made unanimous.

A report was read on courtesies, extending thanks to the press for liberal reports of the meeting; to the pastor, Dr. Goodgame, and his church for the use of the edifice for the meeting; to the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power Company for the very satisfactory car service; to the presiding officers of the meeting whose impartial ruling avoided frictions and dissatisfaction and to the citizens of Birmingham for uniform courtesies. Benediction was given by Rev. B. J. Smith, Tuskegee.

HIGH MASONS MEET IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Special to The New York Age).

Washington, D. C.—Ten groups, representing the highest masonic bodies in the United States, were in this city attending the International Masonic Conference, which held its sessions August 6 to 12. The bodies holding forth were the Grand Masters, the Scottische Rite Masons, the Knight Templars, the Mystic Shriners, the Royal Arch Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of Isis, the Heroines of the Temple Crusades, the Court of Cyrenne, and the Grand Lodge. 15,000 delegates were in attendance. 8-19-22

One of the principal features of the week was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at 10th and U streets, northwest, by Grand Master J. H. Mitchell of the District of Columbia, assisted by a host of grand masters from jurisdictions in all sections of the country. This ceremony was held at 4 p. m. on Tuesday, August 8.

The Knights Templars parade, a magnificent display, was held Thursday afternoon, and it was reviewed for a half hour by the President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

The Shriners will meet in 1923 at Indianapolis, the Grand Masters at Nashville, Tenn., and the Knights Templars go to Pittsburgh. The Eastern

Star Grand Chapters will meet at Nashville with the Grand Masters. David W. Parker, grand master of the New York Masonic Grand Lodge, was elected first vice-president of the International Conference of Grand Masters. In the Eastern Star session Mrs. Sue M. Brown of Des Moines, Ia., was elected international worthy matron.

Ivanhoe Commandery, New York City, won second prize in the Knights Templar prize drill, Philadelphia commanderies winning first and third.

The entire masonic body took part on Saturday in the dedication of the Frederick Douglass Home at Anacostia, D. C., and Attorney S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, Ia., grand instructor, Knights Templar, Illinois and Iowa, delivered one of the principal addresses.

High Priest From Mecca Makes Offer To Negro Shriners

Says they are in Wrong now
But that He can Set them Right— Gets Historical Dates Mixed.

(By The American's New York Cor.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—A stranger has hit this town, calling himself Abdul Hamid Suleiman and pretending to have authority to confer masonic degrees on American Negroes. In fact, he says that it is only from him that Negroes can get the real degree of the Mystic Shrine. Suleiman has issued the following proclamation:

"I, Abdul Hamid Suleiman, of the City of Khartum, Sudan, Egypt, a Mohammedan by birth, Master of the Koran, having pilgrimaged to Mecca three times and thus become an Eminent High Priest and head of all Masonic degrees in Mecca, Arabia, from the first to the ninety-sixth degree, am now in the United States for the purpose of establishing the rite of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

"I, Abdul Hamid Suleiman, make this proclamation—that there has never been a Negro Shriner in the United States that was not bogus and infringing upon the white man's rites until now that I have given a Shriner's patent to Caesar R. Blake of North Carolina.

"I am here to answer all questions relative to these degrees until I return home to Mecca to enroll the names of the true Shriners of this country."

Your reporter visited Suleiman at 143 W 130th street. He found the High Priest at leisure holding a red fez inscribed with letters in English. Conversation began and Abdul Hamid

was very talkative. He said that he is arranging to receive the hundreds of thousands of American Negroes who call themselves Free Masons, and Mystic Shriners into a Mohammedan Masonry, now that they are being enjoined by the white Free Masons and Shriners through the civil courts from using the copyrighted society names, titles, regalia and insignia of the American organizations.

He proposes now to make them authentic by virtue of his authority as Eminent High Priest to grant a charter in a Masonry which he declares to be ancient and wide-spread throughout the Mohammedan world.

He will do this only if the Negroes swear the death-penalty oath, "by the beard of the prophet," that they will live according to the emoral cods of the Koran and that they will pay to Mecca, through none but Suleiman, a proportion of their lodge dues which is now being negotiated.

A Mohammedan charter is already in possession of Caesar R. Blake of Charlotte, N. C., Imperial Potentate of Negro Mystic Shriners. It will become effective, Suleiman says, as soon as the negotiations are concluded to his satisfaction and his priestly seal is affixed to it.

Much doubt has arisen over the story as told by Suleiman. Many Negro Shriners have branded him as a plain fake claiming that he is only a shrewd American Negro looking for easy money and notoriety. He became very much confused when questioned concerning the English letters on his fez. At one time he said that Christ was a Shriner and is mentioned in the Koran which was written 410 B. C., when it was pointed out that Mohammed, who wrote the Koran was not born until 570 A. D., Suleiman began to discuss Pharaoh and other ancient dignitaries claiming that they were Shriners, Suleiman finally admitted that it might be better to call his order, Nobles of Sahara for his adherents in this country instead of Shriners and that they had better not use the insignia he wears. He thinks the proper insignia will be the seal of Pharaoh, pictured in a Sunday supplement a few weeks ago as excavated at the ruins of Carchemish.

Is He A Fake?



ABDUL HAMID SULEIMAN

who says he has arrived in New York from Arabia, bringing with him a charter for colored Shriners, which will make them a branch of the Arabian Order.

NEGRO MASONRY

3/25/22 *N.Y. Negro World*
 It is interesting to trace the workings and ramifications of caste prejudice against the Negro. The article from a New Zealand paper on Negro Masonry states: "English Masons acknowledge the validity of Negro Masonry and welcome the Negroes into their fraternal circles; American Masons refuse to extend the fraternal hand and declare with an almost unanimous voice that Negro Masonry is clandestine; and yet English and American Masonry is in the closest affiliation, and almost all the Masonry in this country has descended from the mother Grand Lodge across the sea."

In confirmation of this we will state that in company with Mr. A. A. Schomburg we saw in Mr. David Parker's home the facsimile of African Lodge Charter No. 453, Free and Accepted Masons, granted by the Grand Lodge of England, F. & A. M., September 29, 1784, issued by vote of the most worshipful Prince Hall Lodge, F. & A. M. of Massachusetts, at the annual communication, December 5, 1907.

Our attention was called to an article in the March, 1922, issue of "The National Trestle Board," an illustrated Masonic magazine, published in San Francisco, Cal. The article is by Silas H. Shepherd and is entitled 'An Invaluable Bibliography, Notes on the Literature Dealing with Negro Free Masonry,' and is continued. We will not weary the readers of the Negro World with long quotations from the article, but we desire to call attention to it because we see in it not only a recognition of Negro Masonry, but also a recognition of the Negro race.

The article states: "There are, however, many Negro lodges which are working under charters from Negro grand lodges. These Negro grand lodges claim they are descended from African Grand Lodge No. 459, which was warranted by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England September 29, 1784, and which has the peculiar distinction of being the only lodge that ever existed in Massachusetts which possessed a warrant from the premier Grand Lodge of the world. St. Andrew's Lodge was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and is the only exception to indirect descent in Massachusetts either through provincial grand masters or the ancients.

"The whole subject of Negro Masonry and the different views regarding its loss of recognition (for it is unquestioned that it was considered a regularly constituted and lawful lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, Modern, and carried on the 'List of Lodges' until 1813, at which time all lodges in the United States were erased), is so interwoven with the facts relating to the three other branches of Free Masonry in Massachusetts from 1784 to 1792 that it is well to know that such existed.

"Not only did the Grand Lodge of England warrant African Lodge No. 459 and maintain it on the list of regular lodges until 1813, but one writer of unquestioned veracity has stated that he has conclusive, contemporary, documentary evidence that from 1792 to at least as late as 1834 African Lodge No. 459 was regularly and frequently visited by the white Masons of Boston, as many as twenty being present at one time."

In the light of Prof. Weiner of Harvard showing the influence of

the African tribe called the Mandingos upon the civilization of the American Indian, the Aztecs of Mexico and the Incas of Peru; in the light of the Harvard expedition showing the presence of Negro blood in the royal Ethiopian families, this recognition of the historical validity of Negro Masonry is encouraging and shows that the Negro is beginning to have his day in court.

More than one influence has contributed to the world's regarding the Negro more seriously, and we believe that the judicious will regard the U. N. I. A. as among these influences.

MASONS START BIG BUILDING; WINDHAM GETS CONTRACT

COMMISSION MEET IN BIRMINGHAM AND LETS CONTRACT, WOODS MAKES STATEMENT PRAISING THE ORDER

Birmingham
 That the fifteen or sixteen thousand Masons and their friends will rejoice when it is known that the Masonic Temple Commission, headed by Grand Master W. T. Woods, has purchased a site in the City of Birmingham and the building on that site is being removed, making room for the four story steel structure that is to be erected within nine months. The land has been purchased, the old building is being removed and it is just a matter of time before steele and other material will be unloaded on the grounds.

Grand Master Woods, W. H. Ward, A. A. Peters, P. D. Davis and R. B. Hudson were in the office of the Birmingham Reporter and made the announcement that lots 18, 19 and 20 running 100 feet on Fourth Avenue and running back 140 feet on Seventeenth Street to an alley, making almost a half block. The deeds are on record and the property was bought for the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

The commission went in session Monday morning in the Directors Room of the Pythian Temple Building. The bids were there unsealed and contract awarded. The sharpest contestants in the matter were Windham Brothers Construction Company and C. W. Hadnott Contractor and Builder, others also put in bids. The bid was close between the Windham Brothers and C. W. Hadnott, Contractor. The contract was awarded to the Windham Brothers Construct-

ion Company. The Temple Commission composed of the above named persons will be in charge of the work. The building will be erected under the plans and specifications of R. R. Taylor, Architect, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

There will be a basement to the structure and four stories, a roof garden is provided also. The framework will be of steele and the best brick and stone and marble were designated. When completed it promises to be the most beautiful and well arranged building of any erected for Negro people in the country. The contract has been let and the work is now on the way. The people of the district are rejoicing and it is believed that the effort will receive the commendation of all the craftsmen throughout the state, and certainly all those who are interested in the advanced step of the colored race.

When seen by a representative of this publication, Grand Master Woods made substantially the following statement: "I realize that our people, as all people, are moved by substantial and useful attractions. We are erecting the building in Birmingham by the sanction of the Masons of the State and because the organization needs such enterprise to guarantee and make certain the insurance certificate issued its members, and too, an investment of this kind is necessary to be made, and Birmingham offers the best opportunity for such an investment. I feel very certain that the Masons of this state, as well as the public generally will find great comfort, satisfaction and profit in the establishment of the proper kind of building as an asset to the fraternity in this state. Our order is moving by leaps and bounds; God is blessing us and we are happy. There was never a better feeling of good will, satisfaction and confidence than now, and we are doing all that we can to prove worthy to the membership and represent them to the best of our ability while absent in person from so many of them."

MASON WON COLOR LINE FIGHT AT AM. LEGION

SUFFOLK COUNTY DELEGATE SECURED VOTE AGAINST COLOR LINE ADVERTISEMENTS IN LEGION OFFICIAL MAGAZINE

Boston, Mass.
 (By Edwin B. Jourdain, Jr. in New Bedford Standard, Sept. 1, 1922)

The remark "no Colored students accepted," concluding an advertisement of the Sweeney School of Auto-Tractors Aviation appearing in several recent issues of the American Legion Weekly, became the subject of a resolution endorsed by the Suffolk County Council of the Legion and presented by Delegate Munroe Mason, of the William E. Carter Post No. 16, of Boston, to the Resolutions Committee of the Fourth Annual Legion Convention here this morning. The resolution was presented and adopted by the convention.

The Resolution Adopted.

The resolution expressing the disapproval of the William E. Carter Post of the appearance of such an advertisement in the Weekly reads:

"Whereas, the American Legion Weekly is a publication established for the purpose of disseminating news concerning the American Legion, and for promoting 100 per cent. Americanism, and

"Whereas, its columns,—open to free expression of opinion regarding affairs of the Legion and of the nation at large,—must be expected to represent in both its 'news' and its paid advertising those principles of 'justice, freedom, and democracy' for which the Legion has elected to stand, and

"Whereas, on page 25 of the issue of the American Legion Weekly dated Aug. 18 there appeared an advertisement of the Sweeney Auto and Tractor School—presumably paid for to reach and affect the readers of the American Legion Weekly,—which after repeated urgings to the general public to take advantage of technical courses offered by the school concludes with the public statement that there will be 'no colored students accepted': a statement at obvious variance with those principles of Americanism and democracy for which the Legion and the Legion Weekly stand,

"Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention here assembled take cognizance of this flagrant un-Americanism in the American Legion's weekly organ and go at once on record as objecting to the further appearance of similar advertisements in the national organ of our Legion.

"Be it further resolved: that national headquarters be notified of the position of the Massachusetts Department, and requested immediately to correct the discrepancy between the attitudes expressed in its Legion Preamble, and in the printed matter of the nature herein referred to."

A GREAT RACIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Be sure that the readers of the Christian Recorder will be glad to hear of the splendid work and accomplishments of the Masons of Florida have done. We are in giving the cut of one of the finest fraternal buildings owned by Negro anywhere in the world, we are also giving the cut of the Grand Master, Hon. D. D. Powell, 33rd degree, who so successfully led the way to his freedom from all indebtedness, not long since the most worships union Grand Lodge of Florida and Jurisdiction held its annual communication which was the 53rd session. This was the grandest session ever held because it was the session where the freedom of the beautiful seven story concrete, brick, stone

us, while our enemies sneered at our foolhardiness of attempting such a stupendous undertaking. The skies became darker and darker until a consent degree was signed and at any time our sweat, our pride, our hopes could be blasted and our temple and beautiful site cease to be the property of the race. Just at the most trying hour Deputy Grand Master D. D. Powell was elevated to the Grand East. He took hold with great faith in God and his brethren saying we will never lose our temple; but he had a double task on his hand, the task to satisfy our creditors while he spared for time and the task to keep the craft nerved because courage was gone and spirit was broken from one end of the state to the other. But that God called man for the occasion Hon. Daniel Powell with his unequalled leadership, his honest and unselfish sacrifice restored confidence and the Masonic family increased to 15,000 master masons and with a like increase of lady branches. Let us always remember Negro enterprises for it had not been for Mr. W. H. C. Brown of Virginia who with the Standard Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, we would have lost our temple, but these Negroes with Negro money laid down \$90,000.00 and took over the mortgages and gave us a chance to make good. We must not forget the labors of the noble women in our struggle led by Patron and Matron J. M. Wise and Inez Alston of the Eastern Star and Most Ancient Matrons Carrie L. M. Figgs and Mary Smith and Most Worshipful Josuah J. B. Green. We can't name all who did their whole duty by the craft when she was in trouble but we must call a few of their names: Deputy Grand Master H. Mickens, Senior Warden H. Y. Tookes, M. Henry E. H. Williams, Sherman Earl, Henry Baxter, W. P. Gripper (deceased), J. P. Patterson, M.D., J. H. Horroughs, Edward Watson, W. B. McCleary, John Hall, W. B. Bellimy, A. T. Adams, J. H. Thomas, D. M. Pappy, Shepherd Hunter, James Murray, R. A. Grant, A. P. Postel, W. I. Lewis, Andrew Patterson, Eli Gilmore, J. H. Newman, J. T. Mark, I. C. Nimins, Daniel Evans, D. P. Duhart, Madison Jenkins, G. Buggs, J. Swilly, and many others, among some of the noble women were Mesdames L. E. Powell, the Grand Master's wife, Jennie Brooks, Georgia Barnes, Tena Jackson, Tillman, Gripper, Sarah King, Alexander and many others.

The Grand Lodge in its spring rally with assistance of its women's branches laid on the table \$100,113.25 (this great Fraternity has what is known as the Masonic Benefit Association, a fraternal Insurance Company, without profit, for the benefit of its members and it raised last year \$29,194.24, making a grand total for Grand Lodge purposes alone, saying nothing what was raised for subordinate Lodge purposes \$129,307.49. Thus you can see that the craft is in a healthy and fraternal state. Gra

Johnson of South Carolina who visited, said like Solomon "he had heard of the glory of the Temple and excellence of Grand Master Powell, but the half was never told." This great order being cleared of all debts bought a large tract of land called "Sisco" a few miles from Palatka, Fla., and has begun to erect buildings upon the same to make a Masonic Home for the aged Masons, their widows, and orphans who may become destitute. Bishop John Hurst of the 11th Episcopal District has been a constant friend of the craft and has encouraged the work helping in every way so that he built a great school with several fine buildings in the state and Grand Master Powell helped him, reciprocity repaid both of their generousness and the people are recipients of the good derived.

That peace and harmony might prevail throughout the world with the Jurisdiction of Florida, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted: "I hereby recommend that hereafter, the Brothers in Philadelphia, Pa., who have been reporting in a body and meeting in a body and the same has been misunderstood by our sister Jurisdiction, believing that we were invading the rights of her Jurisdiction, which would be contrary to the Fundamental Principles and Land marks of the order, if true, be disbanded in its present form and that all members of the various lodges, who live in Philadelphia, Pa., or any other than the State of Florida shall send as monthly dues M. B. A. and other Grand Lodge Assessments to the Secretary of the M. B. A. Department to be distributed to the various Lodges in the state, that peace and harmony may prevail between all Sister Jurisdiction and this Jurisdiction. And if they do meet at all, they shall not consider themselves as a Lodge, neither affiliate or receive any one as members of a so-called Lodge presided over by a Worshipful Master and other officers the same as a regular Lodge."

The Grand Master Powell and Senior Warden Tookes will visit New York and Philadelphia during the month of June. We congratulate the Grand Master, the noble craft, and the people of Florida in this splendid race achievement.

D. M. BAXTER, 33°.
Dr. I. G. Glass, P. E., rendered very fatherly and instructive message to the District Conference. He put particular stress upon the brethren buying homes.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. F. Moore, D. D., Fitzgerald, Ga.; W. H. Hamilton, D. D. of Florida; Rev. W. M. Martin, of Florida; and Prof. C. E. Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., representing the Independent.



NEGRO MASONS WIN DECISION WHEN FOUGHT BY WHITES

(By the Associated Negro Press)
Jacksonville, Fla., June 22—What has sent a thrill of triumph through the hearts of Attorney D. W. Perkins, legal adviser for the masonic fraternity of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the state of Florida and the twenty or more thousand who pay allegiance to that jurisdiction handed down in the Circuit Court in the city of Tampa on the 5th of this month, wherein the temple of the Mystic Shriners, white, had asked out a writ of injunction, restraining all colored men in Florida from using the name, insignia, paraphernalia, words, costumes, etc., of the Ancient Arabic Mystic Shriners. Arguments were made before Judge Robles of Tampa, who holds the reputation of being one of the fairest judges that ever

sat in any court in this state. The case was fought hard and every assault made by the opposition was smashed by Attorney Perkins, and Judge Robles gave his decision, denying the injunction.

This is the first time white shriners have attempted to interfere with colored shriners in this state, and their failure may not be the last of it. Attorney Perkins is being lionized over his great victory. The white press quickly published the entrance of this case, but so far not one of them has had a word to say about the denial of the court to grant the injunction.



D. D. POWELL, 33°

and steel temple valued at cost of over (five hundred thousand dollars) \$500,000 was declared and all titles clear, mortgages and loans all cancelled, burnt and swept to the winds. This beautiful temple is situated on the popular corner of Broad and Duval Sts., Jacksonville, and commands a magnificent view from any angle of the city. The temple was built under the administration of Grand Master J. H. Dickerson with D. D. Powell, A. L. Lewis, A. J. Junius, T. T. Gaines, R. B. Brooks, D. M. Baxter, R. T. Gordon, L. N. Roberson, J. G. Riley, W. A. Glover, G. W. Hawkins; ladies Inez Alston, Carrie L. M. Figgs who formed the building committee.

When the temple was completed and given over we owned in mortgages and notes over a hundred thousand dollars besides the widows and orphans were neglected so that thousands of dollars were owed them all over the state, what an awful time confronted us our friends mourned for

NEURO GRAND LODGE CLOSE GOOD SESSION

Progress Shown by Reports to
Annual Meet of Mosaic Tem-
plars of America

(Special to The Advertiser)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 23.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the Mosaic Templars of America, colored, Jurisdiction of Alabama, L. L. Powell, of Montgomery, district Grand Master, attended by more than a thousand delegates, representing 800 lodges in Alabama, with a membership aggregating 37,000 closed its four days session here last night. The sessions were held in the 6th Avenue Baptist church, Dr. John W. Goodgame, pastor.

The meeting was attended by National Grand Master, S. J. Elliott, Little Rock, Ark.; J. H. McConico, national grand auditor, Little Rock; National Grand Chief Deputy, Wash Jordan, Little Rock and prominent negro leaders in church and educational work.

In his report on assets of the Mosaic Templars ending July 1, 1922, National Auditor McConico showed that the holdings of the national order with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., amounted to one million three hundred thirty-three thousand and sixty-five dollars, including \$151,628.66 cash in banks; \$150,000 building and grounds National Home; \$257,166 real estate mortgages; \$24,000 Liberty bonds and \$28,864 in state levee bonds.

Of the above volume of business McConico stated, Alabama departments have contributed \$299,398.

The order has 26 state grand lodges, 3,800 local lodges and aggregate membership of 133,000 with 2,128 officers and employees. The order was organized by a few negroes in Little Rock, thirty-eight years ago.

Reports of state officers made the following showing: Grand Master Powell in his annual address, stated that \$71,270 had been collected during the last 24 months; that \$51,260 had been disbursed by the different departments of the State Grand Lodge and that a balance of \$20,100 was in the different treasuries at the opening of the meeting just closed.

Powell stated that the order in the state owns property valued at \$280,000 including the State Temple in Montgomery recently purchased and improved and valued at \$70,000.

C. W. Lee, Montgomery, secretary of the Temple department, stated that the cash receipts for the temple building was \$65,875.62 and that \$59,790.86 had been disbursed, leaving a balance on hand at the opening of the meeting of \$6,084.76. The original cash purchase price of the temple was \$25,000 and \$34,000 had been spent since the purchase in remodelling the building.

The officers were installed by

National Grand Master Elliott and the Grand Lodge adjourned to the next meeting in Decatur.

GOOD SHEPHERDS HOLD 16TH ANNUAL SESSION

(Special to The New York Age)
Birmingham, Ala., July 22.—The supreme grand session of the United Order of Good Shepherds, G. W. Chandler, supreme president, held a splendid session here this week, July 26 to 28.

Reports by the various officers showed commendable growth of the order and an expansion of its usefulness. Supreme President Chandler, in his annual address, told of the development of the Good Shepherd community at Shepherdsville. A home for the aged has been arranged for and will soon be opened in that village.

Financial reports showed \$2,243.80 raised during the year. Total assets amount to \$294,243.80, with liabilities of \$101,200, a net worth of \$193,043.80.

There are 355 men, women and children living at Shepherdsville, and they raised among other commodities, 3,700 bushels of corn, 2,050 tons of hay, 900 bushels of peas, 1,560 gallons of syrup, 270 bushels of peanuts and 2,300 bushels of potatoes. Rice has also been cultivated and there were 950 hogs raised on the community plantation. There are two church buildings and one two-story school building.

Mr. Chandler founded this order and has been its head for sixteen years.

HIGH MASONS TO MEET
at Tennessee Nat Capital
Knoxville, Tenn.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2—Washington is to be the host of the greatest gathering of Masonic bodies ever held in this country, August 6th to 12th. These include the Ancient Egyptian Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; North and South America, in 23rd annual session; International Conference of

Grand Masters, International Conference of the Knights of Templars, Grand Court, Daughters of Isis, Grand Guild of the Heroines; Grand High Priests Council, Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Chapters of the Order of Eastern Star.

The activities open Sunday August 6, with memorial services at John Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church, and conclude Saturday by attendance of all bodies at the Dedication of the Frederick Douglass

home as a shrine for all time for Colored Americans.

MASONS WILL HOLD

Forty-third Session

St. Paul, Minn., April 19th (Associated Negro Press)—The United States Supreme Council of the A. S. R. Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will assemble in its forty-first annual session in Union Hall St. Paul Minn., Monday, May 8th. The Supreme Council meets in St. Paul as the guest of North Star Consistory of this city. This session promises to be one of the most important held for a number of years. A general revision of the Scottish Rite Law comes up for approval at this season. There will also be action taken looking to the acquiring of a permanent home for the supreme Council in the Grand East, Philadelphia. The local organizations have planned a series of social events for their guests. The session will continue for two days. Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, 33° of Indianapolis is M. P. Sovereign Commander of the Supreme Council.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS STORM B'HAM; ROSCOE SIMMONS MAKES WELKIN RING; ORDER SUCCEEDING IN EVERY DEPT.

Birmingham Chapter

The Grand Lodge of the Mosaic Templars of America opened its 13th annual session here Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The gavel was sounded by L. L. Powell, Grand Master, who resides in Montgomery, Alabama. Rev. P. T. Matherson, the Grand Chaplain, prayed the opening prayer. In his opening address Grand Master Powell stated that some eight hundred delegates had assembled and more than a thousand would gather before the close of the convention. The meeting has been going at a rapid pace since Tuesday morning and many prominent citizens have spoken before the convention. Tuesday night welcome addresses were delivered by W. B. Driver, Rev. J. B. Carter, Mrs. Mary L. McCoy and Miss Willie Stone. In the afternoon session, and perhaps the feature of Tuesday, was the address of the Grand Auditor John H. McConico, who spoke earnestly of race cooperation, race solidarity and American citizenry. He spoke of the advanced program of the Mosaic Templars and the wonderful work going on in the several states where the order has grand lodges. It was altogether an advisory address, dealing with the things that had been done and the possibilities of the future for the race whose insight is being constantly developed.

The following statement of the National and State Department was submitted by the National Auditor, showing the cash balance in bank covering the several departments of the organization. Here is the statement:

Cash balance in bank, Endowment department	\$ 151,628.66
Balance in juvenile department	24,428.20
Building and grounds, national home	150,000.00
Real estate mortgages	257,166.34
Furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
Publishing plant	2,000.00
Liberty Bonds	24,000.00
State levee bonds	28,864.06
Uniform rank department	1,663.91
Monument department	12,313.95

State temples and grounds	350,000.00
State departments	30,000.00
Burial department	75,000.00
State military departments	6,000.00
Charity departments	7,000.00
Local lodge personal and real property	201,000.00

Total .. \$1,331,065.12

To the above volume of business the Alabama departments have contributed \$299,398.37 during the 24 months:

Number of local lodges	3,800
Number of state grand lodges	26
Foreign grand lodges (Central and South America)	2
Number of members	133,000
Number of national officers, state officers and employees	2,128

In the state of Alabama, the most cursed shame of all shames. This is a reflection upon the men and women of such cities as Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma and Tuscaloosa. If the white people won't build the schools as they should, we must get into our own pockets, aside from what we pay in taxes and otherwise, and build the schools that we know are necessary for the proper training of our children. We cannot have good citizens, worthy and upstanding citizens, until we are willing to educate and train them along the lines of true citizenship. The great industrial plants organized by white people are organized first to make money for the investor and second to help the white people by furnishing them labor; we must build something for ourselves; we cannot continue to be the wards and charity of other races and then expect the respect of these races."

Grand Master Powell in his recommendation spoke of bonding every officer in the subordinate lodge who handles money, as well as bonding the officers of the grand lodge department. He also called attention to the changing of the state grand

REPORTS SHOW TOTAL PROPERTY VALUES OF HALF MILLION DOLLARS; HON. H. D. WINN AGAIN CHOSEN GRAND MASTER. CABINET ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. MASONIC HISTORY SUBMITTED BY BISHOP MCKINNEY.

Dallas Express
7-22-22
(By Special Correspondent)

Fort Worth, Texas July 20, 1922.

The spacious auditorium of the Masonic Temple was crowded to its utmost capacity Monday night, when the 47th Grand Lodge of Masons, Eastern Star and Heroines of Jericho opened.

The opening program consisted of a brief welcome address by Prof. S. H. Fowler and response. An able address on the Economic Possibilities of the Negro Race was delivered by Hon. Wm. McDonald. Highly pleasing vocal selections were used between the speeches.

Business proper began in all departments Tuesday. The Heroines of Jericho and the Eastern Star began promptly at 9 a. m. The Masons called on at high twelve.

Long before opening time representatives from all parts of Texas were gathering in and about the Temple awaiting the signal to go up.

Promptly at high noon Grand Master H. D. Winn took up the gavel and began the ritualistic opening of the occasional Grand Lodge which preceded the opening of the 47th Grand Lodge.

The morning session was given over to the business preliminary to the real business session which was called on at 4 o'clock. The time was taken up by a splendid address upon the history of Masonry by Prof. Wm. Coleman, Grand Lecturer who traced it from its beginning in Massachusetts down to the present time. Prof. Coleman has just returned from New York, where he has had access to the largest Masonic library in America.

Remarks were also made by Prof. J. J. Burnett.

The committees on Credentials and Rules were appointed with Hon. Wm. McDonald and W. G. Bell as chairmen. The Grand Lodge then called off to reconvene at 4 o'clock.

In the meantime the Chapters of the Heroines of Jericho and the Eastern Star were getting down to the real business side of their sessions. Chapters were being squared with Grand Secretaries, moneys were being turned in and reports showing the true condition of the Orders were being read.

Activity was most noticeable in the Grand Lodge room of the Eastern Star where Grand Matron Ellis and Madame Burnett Grand Secretary were at work. The reports read there showed that this has been one of the most highly successful years ever passed by that Masonic department.

Eastern Star Establishes Orphanage.

The Order of the Eastern Star under Hon. J. C. Scott, Grand Patron has been successful in buying and putting into operation a modern Orphanage and home for indigent Masons and their widows.

It is a beautiful site located at every detail, gave definite proof to the fact that Masonry in Texas is growing by leaps and bounds. Cowansville, near Cleburne comprising 18 acres upon which is erected a modern nine-room cottage surrounded by a well equipped poultry yard, cow lot and feed house. The value of the plant is conservatively estimated at \$10,000 and its present state represents the result of one year's work by the members of this Order.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer of this department showed a wonderful growth over previous years. The total collections for the year were \$42,000 with 96 deaths. The total membership is 6,000. 35 new Chapters have been formed. More than 250 delegates were present representing the various Chapters of the State.

Heroines Show Great Progress.

No less active than their Sisters of the lower floor were the Heroines of Jericho who proceeded at once to the dispatch of business. The reading of important reports and the election of officers came first on their program.

The reports showed the following facts:

Total members	10,500
Total collection	\$59,941.40
Each beneficiary	\$ 309.60
Deaths	100

The officers elected by acclamation are as follows: Mrs. J. J. Lepton, M. A. G. M.; Mrs. L. C. G. M.

Mrs. R. E. Lee, G. A. D. M.; Mrs. S. J. Johnson D. G. M.; Mrs. M. S. Mosely, Grand Secretary; O. V. Bartlett, Grand Recorder; Mrs. R. E. McKinney, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Wm. McDonald Grand Joshua.

Masonic Property Valued at \$504,553.65

The most startling report of the whole Grand Lodge was read by Grand Secretary, Wm. McDonald who brought down to date the financial condition of the Order from the year 1912 and showed its successive stages of progress.

His report was one of the two features of the afternoon and night sessions of the Masons. The other two were the Grand Master's annual address and the election of officers.

The Secretary's report, corroborated in every detail by the report of Grand Treasurer S. S. Hemphill showed that there were 456 lodges in the Jurisdiction with a total square membership of 17,137 men. There have been 278 deaths this year, an unusual number, but the great amount of relief collections, \$111,390.50 made it possible for each beneficiary to receive \$400.00. The total collection for the past Masonic year was \$142,905.50. More than \$12,800 was collected for charity. The total amount of cash now on hand in the sinking fund is \$52,292.15 and the total value of all Masonic property in the jurisdiction reaches the staggering sum of \$504,553.65.

Much applause followed the reading of this report which complete

MASONIC BODIES CLOSE GREAT SESSION HERE

Washington Tribune

The city has been in the hands of the Masons this week. Beginning Sunday, there has been something doing every hour of the week, with U Street as the center of attraction. The twelve hundred block of this street was strung with wires and special electrical displays were made.

8-22-22 Cornerstone Laying

An impressive feature of the week was the laying of the cornerstone of the new temple, 10th and U Streets, Tuesday afternoon, when ten thousand Masons and their friends gathered to witness the ceremony. Grand Master Mitchell, of the District, was in charge, assisted by Deputy Chas. P. Ford. Noble John E. Smith delivered the principal address.

Every two years the International Masonic bodies of the United States meet in conjunction with each other in the same city so as to make that the Masonic week of the year. Next year certain branches will meet, separately, The Shriners will go to Indianapolis, Ind., the Knights Templar will meet in Chicago while none of the others will have a national meeting next year. There is no one man at the head of all the Masons as in the cases of the Knights of Pythias the Odd Fellows and other well known fraternities.

The Commander of the Knights Templar is possibly the ranking national officer, for the Scottish Rites are divided into a Northern and Southern jurisdiction. The Shrine is not a ranking degree but is considered

the "play ground of Masonry."

O. E. S. Elects Officers

Up to Thursday night, only the Eastern Star had held its election. Wm. A. Baltimore was re-elected Inter-State Worthy Patron and Mrs. Sue M. Brown, of Iowa, was elected Interstate Worthy Matron, succeeding Mrs. F. E. Scott, of Ohio. J. E. Scott, of Texas, was re-elected the Associate Interstate Patron.

The attendance at the various conferences did not come up to the expected number. However, there were more than two thousand visitors in Washington this week; and the cornerstone laying Tuesday and the parades Wednesday and Thursday attracted large crowds which taxed the police department to handle them. Major Dan Sullivan and the Captains of the various precincts, in which the crowds were handled, deserve commendable mention for the excellent service rendered during this week. Precinct number 8, Capt. E. J. Keefe in charge, handled the largest portion of the crowds, particularly on Tuesday at the cornerstone laying. They report not a single case of friction with the department. That also speaks well for the visitors and citizens as well as for the department.

The Knights Templar elected the following officers: Joseph H. Sherwood, president of the Knights Templar of America; J. H. Morton, first vice-president; and J. P. Davis, second vice-president.

The Grand Masters' Association elected its officers Thursday. W. T. Woods, Grand Master of Alabama, is president; D. W. Parks, Grand Master of New York, first vice-president; E. J. Hawkins of Kansas, treasurer; T. B. Hardiman, of Tennessee, secretary and S. M. Strayhorne, of Tennessee, chairman of the executive committee.

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NATIONAL IDEAL BENEFIT SOCIETY HOLDS 10TH ANNUAL SESSION.

Richmond Planet
8-26-22

The Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society will meet in its Tenth Annual Session in this city Tuesday, September 5th, 1922 at Hood's Temple, A. M. E. Church, corner Adams and Clay streets. The convention will be in session three days. The Order is doing a great work, and there will be a large delegation in attendance.

Friends are cordially invited to attend the public meeting Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Wednesday night, September 6th, at 8 P. M. the Ideal Dramatic Club presents the play "Farm Folks" in four acts at the True Reformers' Hall.

Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents.

National Ideal Benefit Society.

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CALANTHEANS WILL BUILD A NEW TEMPLE

St. Louis Selected For The Site. \$50,000 Appropriated. To Begin Work. Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner Is Re-elected Thirteenth Time.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The session of the Grand Court, Order of Calanthe which closed at St. Joseph, Mo., a few days ago was one of the most peaceful and harmonious in the history of the order. It marked high tide in achievements, as shown by the reports of the Grand Officers, and accomplished much in new legislation.

8-11-22
A total of \$22,000 was collected during the year and there is remaining in the treasury of the Order, after all claims have been paid, a total of \$23,167.67. This is in cash and Liberty Bonds.

To Build Temple

Among the measures enacted was one to build a Calanthean Temple in the City of St. Louis. \$50,000.00 was the amount of capital provided, and \$7,000 of this amount was made available for immediate use.

Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner, 4205 Cook Ave., St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Worthy Counsellor for the 13th successive time. Her annual address is said to be one of the finest ever written. The complete roster of officers elected follows.

G. W. C. Bertha T. Buckner; G. W. IX. Josephine Trueheart; G. R. I. Cora A. Conway; G. R. of D., Zenobia Williams; G. Sec. of End, Hattie M. Fowler; G. Treas., Lottie M. Bell; G. L., Annie Wilburn; G. Med. Reg., Dr. A. N. Vaughn; G. Attorney, Geo. L. Vaughn; Trustees: Birdie Turner, Rosetta Gibson; Supreme Representatives: Bertha T. Buckner, Belle McGee.

DENBY WARNS AGAINST SECRET ORDER DANGER

Montgomery Advertiser
Secretary of Navy Preaches Law Enforcement at Masonic Mass Meeting

11-19-22
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Nothing "more dangerous to the continued mental and spiritual health of the republic could well be conceived", than the "recrudescence of certain forms of

secret organizations, apparently designed to supersede law and enforce their will", Secretary Denby of the navy department declared tonight at a Masonic mass meeting here.

"When any community or body of men or women within a community," Mr. Denby continued, "disregard the orderly processes of the law, a blow is struck at the roots of the republic. Oppression does not always take the form of enforced labor, or any of the acts, security from which we are guaranteed in the first ten amendments to the constitution, the so-called bill of rights. Religious freedom is the most sacred possession of free peoples. Yet, if we are to believe the tales told with such seeming truth and so frequently, religious freedom itself is menaced in certain parts of this country."

"It seems that organized attacks are made upon individuals because of their religious faith. It is hard enough to meet the realities of this life and to compose our earthly differences without attempting to make war in the realm of the spirit, or to cherish against our neighbor evil thoughts because he may think differently from us about the world to come."

"There is no harm in religious zeal sanely and properly displayed, but in this country neither excessive propaganda nor acts of suppression have any place. The law of the republic must govern or chaos will ensue."

Order of Calanthe

Grand master, E. H. Morris, Chicago; deputy grand master, Dr. L. L. Roberts, Boston, Mass.; grand secretary, James F. Needham, Philadelphia, Pa.; grand treasurer, A. T. Shirley, Herndon, Va.; grand directors, Beverly V. Baranco, Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. C. C. Johnson, Aiken, S. C.; Robert T. Thomas, Pensacola, Fla.; Jesse L. Nicholas, Govans, Md.; James F. Adair, Brooklyn, N. Y.; grand auditors, James M. Miller, New Jersey; Charles S. Hill, Washington, D. C.; Colonel J. E. Reed, Cleveland, Ohio. Grand Household of Ruth officers: Most worthy grand superior, Mrs. Mary A. Parker, Washington, D. C.; grand worthy recorder, Mrs. B. E. DeToscano, New York city. Past grand masters council: Worthy grand

Secret Societies—1926

RACE FRATERNITY PURCHASES VALUABLE DOWNTOWN PROPERTY; WILL ERECT IMPOSING EDIFICE

Houston Tex Informer 5/30/26

It now appears certain that Houston will be the home of the state temple building of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth, for Attorney W. M. C. Dickson, race lawyer employed by the fraternity to examine the title to the local property, has passed upon same and the first payment of \$15,000 has been made.

The site is located right in the heart of the business district and is legally known as lots four and five, block 60, south side of Buffalo Bayou, measuring 100 feet on Louisiana Street and 100 feet on Prairie Avenue, and cost the order \$85,000. It is locally known as the Loftus property, having previously owned by Mr. T. F. Loftus and wife.

The notes are so arranged that the remaining \$70,000 and interest can be paid on or before ten years, and ere this article appears in print all signatures will have been made to the instrument and the property transferred to the grand lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth of the Texas jurisdiction.

The committee empowered to close this deal consisted of Hon. H. G. Goree, Texarkana, grand master of the order; Hon. J. H. Riddle, Denison, endowment secretary, and Prof. B. Y. Aycock, San Antonio, grand treasurer.

The grand master and his cabinet plan to erect a modern building on the site, a structure that will reflect credit both upon the race and city.

It is planned to construct a fireproof building of four stories, basement and roof garden, with steam heat, elevator service and all modern conveniences.

The ground floor will be de-

voted to business enterprises, while the second and third floors will be used for offices; the fourth floor will have a large auditorium that will be capable of accommodating the majority of the colored audiences that need such a place.

The grand lodge officers will also maintain headquarters in the building, which will be the mecca for the Odd Fellows and Ruthites of the state each year.

Grand Master Goree left during the week for Dallas, where he will confer with Sidney W. Pittman, the well-known colored architect, regarding the drawing of plans and contracting for the erection of the temple here.

The grand master told an Informer representative while in the city that they plan to use colored men from the foundation to the roof garden of the building and as soon as all details are worked out dirt will begin to fly at the corner of Louisiana Street and Prairie Avenue.

Odd Fellows

G.U.O.O.F. WILL STAGE B. M. C. IN CLEVELAND

3,000 Visitors Expected To
Attend Unless Balked

By Rail Strike
Pro American
Baltimore Md.
PARADE A FEATURE

Prizes Worth \$500 Will Be
Given In Competitive
Drills 8-25-26

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 25.—Plans are rapidly being worked into shape to make the coming B. M. C. meeting here one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in this city.

On Monday September 11th, at 10 a. m. a reception will be given at St. John's A. M. E. Church; from 4 to 8 p. m. a citizens reception will be held in the auditorium of the Tech High School in East 55th street; and at 8.15 an All Star concert will be given at St. John's A. M. E. Church.

Tuesday morning the opening session will be held at St. John's Church including all branches of the Order. Special sight-seeing trips for the visitors during the afternoon and in the evening a moonlight boat ride on Lake Erie and also a ball and reception at I. O. F. Temple in East 55th street.

On Wednesday sessions of all branches will be held; and from 8.30 p. m. to 2 a. m. a Grand Military ball and reception will be held in Cleveland's six and one-half million dollar new auditorium.

On Thursday morning a parade through the principal streets here and to Luna Park where \$500 will be given away in prizes to the winners of competitive drills dancing during the afternoon and evening at the park.

The closing sessions will be held on Friday and a general sight-seeing trip for the visitors around the city will be given. At 8 p. m. a Block Dansante will be given in East 40th street between Central and Scovill avenues. Also at 8.30 p. m. a moonlight ride on Lake Erie will be one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

Athletic sports and field day exercises will be held Saturday at Tate's baseball field on Saturday concluding the week's program.

Over 5000 visitors are expected to be here during the week unless balked by rail strikers.

Judge Grants Injunction Against Colored Shriners; Case To Be Heard May 1

TAKE BADGE FROM COATS OF SHRINERS

Houston Tex. Informer 4/1/22

A far-reaching and sweeping injunction was issued by Judge Ewing Boyd of the 55th judicial district court of Texas last Saturday, which, in answer to petition of local white Shriners, enjoins colored Shriners of Houston and "the entire United States" from using the names of the organization or "using, wearing or displaying the emblems, insignia, badges and head covering" of the organization.

The writ of injunction has already been served upon several local Shriners of the colored contingent here, and, since the imperial council intervened at the filing of the original petition, the court granted the temporary injunction against both the local temple and the entire jurisdiction.

In their petition the plaintiffs recite a brief history of the founding of the organization in America and purport to establish the exclusive right to operate as Shriners in this jurisdiction.

The restraining injunction, temporary in its nature, prohibits the colored Shriners from employing the names of the plaintiffs' organization or "further using the name of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Doric Temple of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its jurisdiction,' or using any of the "emblems, insignia, badges and head covering or any colorable imitation of any fraternity or secret order."

The case will appear on the local judicial docket on Monday, May 1, 1922. Lawyers Watkins and White, Chicago, are representing the interveners; Lawyer M. H. Broyles and W. M. C. Dickson the defendants (Doric Temple of which Homer E. McCoy is illustrious potentate) and Attorney John H. Crooker, the plaintiffs.

Whites in Texas That Out- law Other Orders

Chicago Defender 4/8/22

Houston, Tex., April 7.—Federal Judge Ewing Boyd of the 55th judicial district court of Texas has issued an injunction, in answer to a petition of local white Shriners, which enjoins Shriners of Houston made up of members of our Race, and "the entire United States," from using the names of the organization or "using, wearing or displaying the emblems, insignia, badges and head covering" of the organization. The decision is far-reaching.

Writ Is Served

The writ of injunction has already been served upon several local Shriners, and, since the imperial council intervened at the filing of the original petition, the court granted the temporary injunction against both the local temple and the entire jurisdiction. Many Shriners have removed their buttons, fearing intimidation on the part of the whites, until the case is definitely decided by the court.

In their petition the plaintiffs recite the brief history of the founding of the organization in America and attempt to establish the exclusive right to operate as Shriners in this jurisdiction. They declare that other organizations bearing the same name and made up of members of our Race, infringe upon their rights and must be disbanded.

Demand of Whites

The restraining injunction, temporary in its nature, prohibits Shriners of our Race from employing the names of the plaintiffs' organization or "further using the name of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Doric Temple of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its jurisdiction,' or using any of the "emblems, insignia, badges and head covering or any colorable imitation of any fraternity or secret order."

The case will be called for hearing Monday, May 1. Attorneys Watkins and White of Chicago, Ill., are representing the interveners, Attorney M. H. Broyles and W. M. C. Dickson the defendants, members of the Doric temple, of which Homer E. McCoy is illustrious potentate.

ENJOIN NEGROES FROM USING SHRINE BUTTON

3/27/22
(Associated Press)
HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 26.—A temporary injunction restraining negro Shriners throughout the United States from wearing the shrine emblem and from using organization names peculiar to the shrine was granted today by Judge Ewing Boyd in district court.

3/29/22
SEEK TO BAR NEGRO SHRINERS FROM USING EMBLEM
HOUSTON, TEX., March 25.—Temporary injunctions restraining Negro Shriners throughout the United States from wearing the Shrine emblem and from using organization names peculiar to the Shrine was granted today by Judge Ewing Boyd in Federal Court.

Shriners Go Into Court May First

Chicago Defender 4/27/22

Attorney James E. White of the law firm of Denison, Watkins & White, is in Houston, Tex., preparatory to the hearing May 1 of the case involving the right of individuals, citizens of the United States, to be Shriners or to wear Shrine emblems, regardless of their race or color. On the same mission Mr. Watkins, partner of Mr. White, has gone to Little Rock, Ark.

Several weeks ago Federal Judge Ewing Boyd of the 55th judicial district court of Texas issued an injunction, in answer to a petition of Houston white Shriners that enjoined Shriners of Houston, made up of members of the Race and "the entire United States," from using the names of the organization or "using, wearing or displaying the emblems, insignia, badges and head covering of the organization."

The restraining injunction, temporary in its nature, prohibited Shriners of the Race from "further using the name of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,' or the name 'Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its jurisdiction.'"

Injunction Against Shriners Fails

Chicago White 4/1/22
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 22.—What has sent a thrill of triumph through the hearts of Attorney D. W. Perkins, legal adviser for the Masonic unity of the jurisdiction of the Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the state of Florida, and the twenty thousand who pay allegiance to that jurisdiction handed down in the circuit court in the city of Tampa on the 5th of this month, wherein the temple of the Mystic Shriners, white, had sued out a writ of injunction, restraining all Colored men in Florida from using the name, insignia, paraphernalia, words, costumes, etc., of the Ancient Arabic Mystic Shriners. Arguments were made before Judge Robles of Tampa, who holds the reputation of being one of the fairest judges that ever sat in any court in this state. The case was fought hard, and every assault made by the opposition was smashed by Attorney Perkins, and Judge Robles gave his decision, denying the injunction.

This is the first time white Shriners have attempted to interfere with Colored Shriners in this state, and their failure may not be the last of it. Attorney Perkins is being lionized over his great victory. The white press quickly published the entrance of this case, but so far, not one of them has had a word to say about the denial of the court to grant the injunction.

NEW YORK SHRINERS PLAN WASHINGTON, D. C., TRIP

Chicago Defender 5-5-22

When the twenty-third annual session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and the several kindred Masonic orders meet in Washington Aug. 6 there will be an excellent representation on hand from the Empire state.

At the international conference of grand masters and past grand masters David W. Parker, grand master, state of New York, and Arthur Schomburg, R. W. grand secretary, will represent New York. This session will mark the eighth biennial meeting of the Knights Templar and will embrace lodges from foreign countries as well as from New York and elsewhere. That old and well known organization, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 5, E. G. Plummer, eminent commander, is to attend in a body and other New York commanderies are also expected to be in attendance.

Local Shriners will be well represented by Medina Temple No. 19, A. O. U. Order of the Mystic Shrine, which will be present under the leadership of the illustrious potentate, Scott, included in the complete

delegation it is expected that a number of other Templar lodges and several other commanderies with large delegations will be on hand for the convention. A special train has been chartered from the Pennsylvania railroad to take the Masons down to the nation's capital, and it will leave the Pennsylvania station at 10 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Returning, the special rate holds good until Aug. 18.

Apart from the usual meetings there has been arranged an attractive program for the entertainment of the Masons and their friends while in Washington. Among the many special features arranged is a trip to Anacostia on Saturday, Aug. 12, to witness the dedication of the home of Frederick Douglass as a great Race shrine. After the street parade on Wednesday, Aug. 9, a drill that is to take place at the American league baseball park will be the center of attraction. Famous Ivanhoe commandery has been drilling hard in preparation for this event and the members are confident of winning the competitive drill that is to take place between the various patrols.

IMPERIAL ORDER OF MYSTIC SHRINE MAKES SPLENDID IMPRESSION—IS WELL REPRESENTED

Washington Eagle, 8-12-22

Sunday morning brought to the city thousands of members of the Mystic Shrine and Knights Templars, together with almost an equal number of ladies representing the allied organization of the Masonic order. The streets of the Capital were thronged from early morning to the wee hours of the following morning with bands of music and noble men and women in gay and gorgeous costumes marching to the music.

It has never been our pleasure to witness a more inspiring or more beautiful spectacle. Potentate Blake arrived in all the pomp and pride of his majestic majesty. He was met at the station by a committee of local Shriners, who conducted him and his party, consisting of Mrs. Blake and baby boy, and the other members of his party, Nobleman Z. Alexander, 1, lustrous Potentate of Rameses Temple; Dr. James E. Shepherd, Imperial High Priest and Prophet of the Imperial Council; Prof. W. H. Hannum, Livingston College; Dr. S. P. Wright, Saulsburg, N. C., and Nobleman C. B. Bailey, chairman of the committee on audit of the Imperial Council and Miss C. V. Stanfield, formerly secretary to Dr. Dudley of A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., the private secretary of the Imperial Potentate to the palatial and hospitable home of Noble Charles Freeman, who is the Imperial Treasurer of the Imperial Council.

Grand Master Jessie Mitchell of the District of Columbia, has already presented to Imperial Potentate Blake the key to the city, which the Imperial Potentate gracefully accepted on behalf of the Imperial Council, the Knights Templars and Eastern Star and lady organizations.

Under a clear and open sky the mercury about 95 degrees in the shade hundreds of nobles, ladies, friends and well wishers gather in the beautiful John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church at 3 p. m. to listen to a masterful and eloquent address in memory of the departed brethren of the craft by Dr. James E. Shepherd, Grand High Priest of the Imperial Council.

In speaking of life he said it is desire—it is service, in words and deeds—doing something, sacrificing. Life is doing good to humanity. Life is opportunity. Opportunity to do everything—to come nearer to God—to come in touch with divine revelation. Life presents an opportunity to know—to know the Bible, the greatest of all books. The speaker said that life is sorrow and disappointment; it is sunshine and shadows. Life, he said, is love. He admonished his hearers to teach men to love and not to hate. After all the speaker

said, that life is death.

Dr. Shepherd lived up to his reputation as a strong and eloquent speaker. Following this address Sir Knight Albert Lee paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Sir James Frank Rickens, who was a Royal Arch, Templar and Shriner.

A donation of \$37 was presented to the church. Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Carrington.

Sunday evening at Lincoln Theatre the Shriners were entertained with a sacred musical concert by the Ohio delegates and this same organization put on a midnight musical which was largely patronized. Every musical instrument imaginable was employed in the rendition of this most excellent program. The Knights Templars were treated to a most excellent sermon by the Rev. Dr. Emery Smith of the Congregational Church.

Monday the second day of the convention, saw delegates still coming in and enthusiasm at its height. By order of the local committee all the different branches of the order, assembled at 11 o'clock in beautiful Lincoln Theatre, to hear the addresses of welcome and responses thereto. The Templars, the Imperial Council were immaculately attired in full dress wearing the fez and the ladies of the order were arrayed in garments of pure white, wearing beautiful white caps which presented a perfect picture of loveliness and feminine beauty. Noble John E. Smith, following music by the Arabia Court Band of Chicago, introduced Noble J. R. A. Crossland of Missouri as master of ceremonies. Invocation was offered by Samuel G. Craig, Grand Deputy of the District of Columbia. In taking the chair Dr. Crossland delivered a splendid address, forceful and eloquent.

Among other things he said that these are peculiar times in Negro life; said that a man's citizenship should be measured by a man's worth to society and not by color. Dr. Crossland paid a high tribute to Imperial Potentate Blake and said that the latter had inspired the institution. The District of Columbia sent letters of welcome which were read by Noble Morris. Address on part of the women of the District was delivered by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Training School for Women and Girls, who electrified her audience, taking it at once under her control. Deafening applause followed her wonderful words of welcome. Miss Burroughs paid a high tribute to the fraternal organizations and told what they are accomplishing in shaping Negro life and its destinies. She is thoroughly convinced that organization and cooperation are the safety means for substantial social

development. They have ever stood for the highest ideals, the bedrock of civilization of our womanhood. They (the organizations) goes out to all the people; they work on fundamental things. Miss Burroughs told of the blessing that comes to our Washington homes in having these splendid men and women in our midst.

Attorney W. L. Houston, member of the District school board, was introduced and addressed the organization on behalf of the colored citizens of Washington. In speaking of Washington, he said that it is the magic spot of this land, possessing wonderful beauty and charm. He welcomed this joint session of all the Masonic bodies for what they have done for the race and themselves. Mr. Houston stressed the importance of discipline, union and organization. He said that the strength of an individual is the strength of union and organization. These organizations, said the speaker, show that you have ability to govern. Mr. Houston admonished his audience to exemplify wisdom of Solomon. The attorney spoke in a very forceful and impressive manner. After a selection by the Arabian Court band the master of ceremonies introduced Attorney Armond W. Scott, who in his usual eloquent and dramatic style, held his audience spellbound as he delivered an address on behalf of the fraternal organizations of the District. Mr. Scott pronounced Miss Nannie H. Burroughs as the finest product in American life. He told how organizations teach that we are our brother's keeper. They make the fellow lowest down feel that he, too, is one of God's creatures. Speaking on the racial question he advised that we accept no leadership unless selected and chosen by our own group. Mr. Scott advised also that they use the money in helping the widows and orphans. In the organizations, said he, you find the true chain of fraternalism. He urged upon the men and women of these organizations to consider their status as American citizens.

Grand Master Jessie Mitchell delivered a splendid address of welcome on behalf of the Masonic lodges of the District. It was Grand Master Mitchell who handed over to Imperial Potentate Blake the key to the city. The address of Mr. Mitchell was well received. In presenting the key he told the organization that they had the key to 6,000 homes of the race.

Hon. Charles Cottrill of Ohio, was introduced and responded to the addresses of welcome. Mr. Cottrill made a splendid impression, advising that we make service our religion. He admonished those of us invested with the use of the ballot to use it in the de-

fense of oppressed brethren of the southland. Mr. Cottrill assured the people of the District of Columbia that these allied organizations within the race were pledged to stand by the women of the race. He reminded us that we are living in a most interesting time in the world's history.

This address, followed by music by the Arab Court Band of Chicago, brought to a close the second day, morning session of the organizations in joint session. The lady organizations and the visitors being dismissed, Imperial Potentate Blake requested all members of the Imperial Council to remain that they might then enter into the dispatch of such business as should come fore it.

Mr. J. A. Jackson, editor of the Bill Board, and contributing editor of the Scimitar, is here and is the only out of town member on the general publicity committee.

The local committee, of which Capt. John E. Smith is chairman, and who is former Grand Master of the District, gave a formal reception to the officers of the Imperial Council on Tuesday evening, August 8th. This reception was given that the officers might be given the opportunity to meet some of the representative citizens of Washington.

Noble Charles D. Freeman, Imperial Treasurer, is to be commended for what he has contributed in making the stay of the Imperial Potentate and Mrs. Blake and son, one of such genuine pleasure. Mr. Freeman is a congenial and lovable personage and is esteemed by all those who know him. He has been a wonderful acquisition in bringing about the success that has been enjoyed by the Imperial Council, which now passes into history as being the most successful of any annual meeting since its inception and organization.

Washington has felt honored by the presence of these splendid men and women and they are loath to part with them. We bid them God speed as they go on their way serving mankind in terms of love and mercy.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

Indiana—Frank Clay, William Marshall, Yank Taylor, Mason Williams, Earnest Carson, Clyde M. Wells, Samuel Parker, George E. Foster, George M. Johnson, Edward Holder, Harvey Gillem, William Farmer, Clifford Hall, G. R. Hicks, Lawrence Williams, Oscar Black, William H. Coleman, Leonard Whitley, Samuel E. Gray, James Pyles, Walter Green, Earnest Kirk, Roger L. Willis, George A. Black, Hooser Jones, Macklin Martin, Robert Williams, Charles M. Mitchell, Ermal Coleman, Charles McLaughlin, Leonard Whitley, Grant Williams, William Custard, Bert Lee, George McHenry, Earnest McCormick, Earl P. Blackwell, George W. Adams, E. Collins, Walter Gaines, John Wood, Edward

Wisdom, Daniel W. Jones, C. W. Baxter, Julius W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, Mrs. Joseph A. Baker, Mr. Hazelwood, Joseph Waits, Frank Thomas, B. W. Owsley, John T. Brewington, N. M. H. Foster, Clarence A. Miller, Earnest Board, Ely A. Harper, Frank Fields, Floyd Woods, Henry Horsanday, Robert Taylor.

Pennsylvania—M. T. Jones, Andrew B. Jackson, Henry Oliver, Joseph C. Jones, H. E. Morrison, Andrew S. Coles, Most Worshipful G. M. Penn William S. Butler, J. R. Williams, J. E. Sezers.

North Carolina—Caesar R. Blake Imperial Potentate; Dr. Joseph E. Sheperd, Z. Alexander, Prof. W. H. Hammum, Dr. S. P. Wright, F. C. Hester, W. W. Lawrence, C. B. Bailey, Mrs. Caesar R. Blake, Master Cottrill Blake (baby), Miss C. V. Stanfield, secretary to Imperial Potentate Blake, Miss Haywood.

Imperial Recorder Levi Williams, New Jersey; Thomas H. Williams, New Jersey.

Deputy Charles W. Walker, Pennsylvania.

A. C. McKay, Oklahoma. Imperial Outer Guard O. H. Bradbury, Missouri.

New York—Grand Master and Mrs. Parker.

Florida—Noble S. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, Noble Richardson.

Ohio—Attorney Ray E. Hughes, L. H. Godman.

Tennessee—E. S. Hayes, W. H. Johnson, J. N. Bacon.

Virginia—E. J. Miller, A. W. White Dr. Richard W. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, Kentucky.

U. S. C. TELEGRAM
AUGUST 11, 1922

Harding Reviews Parade of Negro Knights Templar

WASHINGTON, Friday. — President Harding stood for nearly half an hour at the west entrance of the White House grounds reviewing a parade of negro Knights Templar, who are holding a convention here. About a dozen bands helped to enliven the procession, which passed up Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

The Imperial Council of the Eastern Shrine, another negro fraternal order, which is holding its national meeting here, decided to meet next year in Indianapolis.



CAESAR R. BLAKE
Imperial Potentate.



CHARLES D. FREEMAN
Imperial Treasurer.

HARDING FAILS TO REVIEW THE TEMPLAR HOSTS

Presidnet Does Not See
Masonic Bodies Pass
White House In
Grand Parade
Afro-American
SHRINERS OUT WEDNESDAY
Baltimore, Md.
Several Baltimoreans Giv-
en The Honorary Thirty
Third Degree 8-11-22

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10—A
the Shriners and the Knight
Templars could not agree on
joint parade because each want-
to be first in line, President Hard-

ing did not review the parade of
the Shriners. Secretary of the
Navy, Davis, and a corps of news-
paper men reviewed the parade
which was a colorful affairs. The
line of march stretched from the
Peace Monument to the White
house. The Knights Templars
held their parade Thursday morn-
ng.

The meeting of the Knights and
Shriners is a part of the interna-
tional conference of Masonic
bodies attending including Grand
Master and Past Grand Masters,
Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star,
Daughter of Isis and Grand Guilds
Heroines of Temple Crusaders.

The official program of the all-
Masonic bodies started Sunday and
will conclude Saturday, when all
bodies will attend the dedication
of the Frederick Douglass home at
Anacostia, D. C.

Yesterday the corner-stone for
the \$3000.00 temple to stand on the
Southwest corner of 10th and U
streets Northwest, was laid in the
presence of a vast throng of the
Masonic bodies.

It was stated yesterday that there
are colored Masons here from
Canada, the Philippines and prac-
tically every important city in the
United States.



Washington, D. C. Masons \$385,000 new Temple as it will look
when completed. It will be five stories high with two elevators. The
banquet room will seat 1200. There will be a billiard room with 13
tables. Equipment also includes a smoking room, kitchen, library,
janitor's quarters and heating plant.

There will also be a big hall seating 1500 with lodge rooms only on
the fourth and fifth floors.

Eleven stores on the first floor and ten offices on the second floor
will be rented out to furnish a large part of the revenue to maintain
the building.

White Shriners Lose Decision in Little Rock

Chicago Tribune 9/10/22
Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 27.—The
first case of the local order of
Shriners tried on its merits before
Judge J. E. Martineau in the chan-
cery court here terminated in a vic-
tory against the white order of
Shriners Wednesday, Sept. 27. The
trial was originally held June 21,
this year, and taken under advise-
ment. Wednesday Judge Martineau
rendered his decision, which dis-
solved the injunction of the white
Shriners.

The whites sought to enjoin mem-
bers of our Race who were Shriners
from using the name and wearing
emblems of the order. Attorney
Scipio A. Jones represented the
local lodge and Attorneys S. A. T.
Watkins and James E. White of
Chicago represented the national
body.

A similar case at Houston, Tex.,
is scheduled to be heard Oct. 18.

A FRATERNITY WITH A PROGRAM.

We attended the thirty-seventh annual grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Texas, held last week at Marshall, the "Athens" of Texas, with its two well-known institutions of learning, Bishop College (Baptist) and Wiley University (Methodist).

It was a wonderful session, but the thing that made such a lasting impression upon us was the achievements of the order during the last thirty years under the leadership of the present grand master, Rev. W. F. Bledsoe, of Marshall.

This order, purely racial in its origin, has done much in a concrete and material way to refute and disprove the theory and doctrine that the colored race is incapable of self-government, self-determination, self-improvability.

It also shows in no unmistakable manner what can be accomplished with proper leadership, due respect and regard for that leadership, and willingness and disposition on the part of the people led to follow safe, sane and sound leadership.

If the colored race ever expects to "leave its footprints on the sands of time," it must learn and practice the lesson of group action, collective bargaining, co-ordination of forces and team play.

This means that we must be willing to make sacrifices and abnegate ourselves for the best interests of all concerned.

During the thirty-seven years of this order's existence in Texas all has not been serene, calm and peaceful, we will admit; but the old fraternal ship has always had a pilot at the helm who has been able to weather the storm, steer clear of the breakers, evade the typhoons and bring the vessel safe and sound to port with no casualties, other than tell tales of the storms' fury upon the barque.

Truly leaders are born and not made nor self-appointed, and the record of achievement and accomplishment of this order in Texas during the Bledsoe regime is a most notable illustration of this patent and proven truth.

The man or woman, despite racial connections, who asserts the inability and impossibility of the colored race to make real substantial progress and genuine advancement will be forced to change his or her tune and adopt a new lay when the record of this order is laid before their eyes.

The Texas jurisdiction owns two brick buildings in the city of Houston, located in the next block to the city hall, which cost around \$200,000.00, and the order does not owe one red penny on these realty holdings, which are easily worth from \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 at the present rate of property valuation in Houston.

These buildings office the business and professional men and women of our race and even other races, which (the latter) we hope will not obtain much longer, for no white order in the world would permit colored tenants to occupy space in their buildings.

This is about the only discordant note in their song of accomplishment and achievement, and even this does not reflect discreditably upon the order, but, on the other hand, may be considered a good business stroke by those in authority.

But that is neither here nor there. The U. B. F. fraternity is proving what the word "brotherhood" means, and it bids fair to startle Texas and the world in the next few years, if the constructive, progressive, aggressive and far-reaching program of Grand Master Bledsoe and Secretary C. H. McGruder is executed.

The Informer doffs its journalistic sky-piece to this noble order and its eminent and illustrious leaders, and at the same time wishes to congratulate the grand master upon the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary as head of the order, and to compliment the Texas jurisdiction for bestowing flowers upon their leader while he is still living instead of waiting until he has ceased his earthly career to pile floral contributions upon his bier.

What this and other colored fraternities have done and accomplished in a material way can be done in a commercial and mercantile effort, if the race will only buckle down to the job and decide that it must be put over.

The future of the race in this country lies along economic lines, for the dollar talks louder, longer and stronger than any other thing in this country, and even a man's bitter foes will respect him and accord him certain rights, honors and prerogatives when he has some of this world's goods.

Our secret orders and churches have shown to the world what the race can accomplish in a collective way, and if we are not dead and dumb from our neck up, we will profit thereby, get busy and turn up something worth while for the good of our race and the cause of humanity.

GOOD SHEPHERDS OPEN MEETING HERE WISE LEADERSHIP

Birmingham Reporter

BACK TO THE SOIL MOVEMENT
ONE SOLUTION OF RACE PROBLEM.

7-29-22

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poplar, red oaks, cedar, pottery rock, etc., give us assets amounting to \$291,100, with total liabilities, \$101,200, leaving admitted assets over liabilities \$189,900, which does not include \$3,143.80 cash brought forward.

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The late Bishop J. W. A. of Montgomery, was one of the strongest promoters and for many years before his death he was chairman of the board of control.

Superintendent Cooke stated in his report this afternoon that the plantation will make this year 75 bales of cotton, 5,000 bushels of corn, 800 bushels of soybeans, 500 bushels of peanuts, 3,000 bushels of potatoes, and a large crop of velvet beans, hay, rice and sugar cane.

NEGRO ORGANIZATION BUYING REAL ESTATE Good Shepherds in Session Encourage Purchase of Homes

by Members 7-29-22

(Special to The Advertiser)

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Secret Societies - 1922.

United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

NATIONAL GRAND COUNCIL A. U. K. & D. OF A. CONVENTION

St. Louis
St. Louis Has Largest Delegation, With Chicago A Close Second. Sessions In The Chamber Of Commerce Building. Mayor Delivers Welcome Address. 8-11-22

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 10th—The National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights & Daughters of Africa, is holding its session in Columbus during this week. St. Louis alone carried 220 delegates and members of the military department on special train, under the command of the Hon. Wm. H. Fields, National Grand Master and Commander-in-chief of the Military department, and J. A. Shackelford Major General. Chicago was represented by 125 delegates and visitors who came by special train over the Pennsylvania under the supervision of Mrs. Eliza Jackson, State Grand Queen and M. T. Bailey, Craihman of Publicity. Indianapolis, Ind., Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, and other cities in Ohio as well as New York, Conn., Ark., Mass., in fact from 22 states were well represented in the first meeting which convened in the Chamber of Commerce Building, 30 E. Broad St. opposite the Capitol of the state. Calling roll of Grand Officers appointing of Committee of Credentials and other Committees by National Grand Master, the reports of the National Grand Officers and State Grand Queens, as well as a splendid address by the National Grand Master took up most of the first days session. In the evening a public meeting and reception was held at Memorial Hall on Broad St., one of Columbus, largest and finest buildings. The Mayor, Hon. James J. Thomas came from his vacation in order to deliver the welcome address to the delegates of the convention. Dr. P. Charles Downs of Chicago responded to his address. Other welcome addresses delivered by the Hon R. B. Barcus, G. C. of K. of Ohio, Rev. J. B. Pius, Mrs. Ella B. Mitchell, State Grand Queen of Ohio. Responses were made by Rev. S. D. Davis of Indianapolis, Ind., Wm. H. King of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Ada Harris, State Grand Queen of Missouri, Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman and Mrs. Adams of New York. The Hon. D. W. Coleman, Chairman of

the General Committee on Arrangements, introduced the Mayor of the city and was also given an ovation for the splendid work he had done for the arranging of the coming of these delegates. The report shows that the National Grand Council has made great progress in the last 12 months throughout the United States and has at the present time more than 16,000 members benefitted. With scores of councils and juveniles ready to be organized on the return of the delegates and officers to their various homes.

OFFICERS OF THE

W. H. M. M. S. ELECTED

The Grand Body of Daughters of Conference and of the H. M. M. S. met with the General Conference of the A. U. M. P. Connection and elected the following officers: Mrs. May Henry, General President of the Daughters of Conference, and Mrs. M. E. Bell, General President of the H. M. M. S.

Each organization agreed to raise within the next 4 years, \$1000.00 each for superannuated ministers and mission work. 8/30/22

The churches in the District of Columbia were placed in the Middle District to take effect May, 1923.

Secret Societies - 1922 School Fraternities

Phi Beta Sigma Receives

Welcome in Atlanta

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21. The annual convention of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was in session here on December 21st to 23rd, 1921, under the direction of the Zeta Chapter at Morris Brown University. Representatives of sixteen chapters were in attendance. On Tuesday evening, December 27th, the Zeta Chapter was at home to their visiting brothers, the representatives to the National Conclave of the Omega Psi Fraternity, and the local member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternities.

Dr. George W. Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, addressed the public session on Wednesday evening. Dr. Carver is one of the leading scientists of the world. His subject was "The Possibility of the Sweet Potato."

On Thursday morning Brother Reid I. Lawrence of Zeta Chapter, was host at breakfast. On Thursday noon, Brother Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris University and a grand honor member of the Zeta Chapter, was host at dinner. Thursday evening, the Beta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was at home to their brothers at the residence of Brother Bishop W. A. Fountain. On Friday evening, the Annual Formal Fraternity Ball was given at the Sedalian Club.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity issued invitations at their convention in Washington, D. C., December 1920, to all Negro-Greek Fraternities to consider plans for the organization of an interfraternity conference. Not receiving full support, A. L. Taylor, general field secretary, issued a second invitation and this was received at the conventions of all fraternities in December, 1921. On Thursday morning, the Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi fraternities met in a joint session at the Butler Street Y. M. C. A. Charles R. S. Taylor, general secretary of the Phi Beta Sigma stated the purpose of the meeting and introduced his co-worker, A. L. Taylor who made known his plans for the conference. After a round table discussion, the Omega Psi Phi men voted unanimously to cooperate in the movement.

Plans were formulated for the beginning of the Fred Douglas Scholarship Fund through which the younger element of the race may receive a college education. This drive will be held yearly throughout the country on Douglas' birthday. The following officers were chosen for the year of 1922:

W. Maceo Clarke, president; P. McNeil Thompson, vice-president; Charles R. S. Taylor, secretary; A. L. Taylor

field secretary; Dr. E. Haywood Clarke treasurer; Dr. I. L. Scruggs, editor. The Fourth Annual Convention will be held at the seat of the Gamma Chapter, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., on December 1922.

Chi Delta Mu Medical Fraternity Convention

The Chi Delta Mu Medical Fraternity will convene at its annual convention on February 22-24, inclusive, at Washington, D. C., where the Alpha Chapter is located. The public session, to which everyone is invited, will be held at the chapel of Howard University on the evening of Thursday, February 23d, at 8 o'clock. The most distant and isolated "Chi" men will attend.

A full program has been arranged. Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, President of Howard University, will speak briefly on "Fraternalism;" Dr. Charles Humbert, Pathologist at City Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., will deliver the address of welcome; Dr. E. C. Terry, one of the founders of the Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Howard, will speak on "For What the Fraternity Stands;" Dr. E. B. Keemer, Vice Dean of Howard College of Pharmacy, will discuss "Pharmacy in its Relation to Public Welfare;" Dr. Thomas W. Edwards, Demonstrator at Howard Dental College, will speak on "Dental Prophylaxis;" and Dr. B. Price Hurst, Pathologist at Freedman's Hospital, will take for his subject "Prevention of Pneumonia."

These addresses will be semi-scientific and their chief purposes will be to enlighten and help the public.

DELTA SIGMA THETA ENTERS SORORITY HOME AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD BY NEGRO COLLEGE WOMEN

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6. Another step forward was made in the Negro Collegiate World when the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at Howard University on the first of November opened the doors of its new Sorority Home at 603 Howard Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. The Sorority Home is on the University Campus and affords to the members of the Sorority who are privileged to occupy it convenient access to the University buildings and grounds and opportunity to enjoy

both the advantage of taking part in every phase of student life at Howard and the pleasure of the close contact to be experienced in living together in their own home.

In addition to the cultured discipline which the members of the Sorority observe, in keeping with the ideals of their organization, the girls are fortunate in having Mrs. Ernest Martin, House Mother, and Miss Lucy D. Slowe, Dean of Women of the Howard University, to look after their interests and advise them in all necessary matters pertaining to the conduct of the Home. The officers of the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which has undertaken the commendable work of conducting a Sorority House, are: Mrs. Cathryn G. Robinson, president; Miss Eleanor Harper, vice-president; Miss Arneita Taylor, secretary; Miss Ethel Jones, corresponding secretary; Miss Martha Jones, treasurer, and Miss Virginia Ruffin, chaplain.

In all the work which has been done in connection with the arrangements for the Sorority Home for the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta, much encouragement and help by contribution and otherwise have come from the honorary members of the organization. Among the honorary members of the Sorority living in Washington who were donors and who gave other assistance in providing the home were: Mrs. A. H. Glenn, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell, Mrs. George W. Cook, Mrs. Emmett J. Scott, Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham, Mrs. D. W. Woodward, and others. Much assistance has also come from the members of the Beta-Beta Chapter, the graduate chapter of the Sorority located at Washington and composed of members of the Sorority living in Washington who have graduated from Howard and other schools where there are chapters of the organization.

At present the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has 19 chapters. It was organized at Howard University in 1913, and since its organization its influence has been carried to many of the leading co-educational institutions throughout the United States. Of the 19 chapters in the Sorority, three chapters are occupying houses. It is most interesting to note the rapid growth and the helpful in-

fluence of such fraternity organizations in the life of the Negro College Women.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRAT ANNUAL CONVENTION

(Special to The New York Age) Baltimore, Md.—Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the youngest of the college fraternities and the first to enter the far South, held its ninth annual convention with the Gamma Chapter of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., December 27-30 inclusive. Delegates from twenty-two chapters, general officers, state supervisors, and field agents were present, and the program was the greatest in the history of the fraternity.

The fraternity is engaged in the noble task of raising the Douglass Scholarship Fund which was established two years ago from which two scholarships have been granted. The Fund has been made a permanent trust and scholarships will be granted annually on a competitive basis.

Dr. Thos. W. Turner of Howard University, delivered the annual address; others addresses were made by Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, Mayor W. F. Broening, of Baltimore and Dr. I. L. Scruggs, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Baltimore, long noted for its genuine hospitality, gave the convention a warm reception, several social events were arranged for the pleasure and delight of the delegates and visitors to the convention. The social side of the convention opened with an 'At Home' Wednesday, December 27, from 4 to 6 o'clock. A similar affair was given Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening at the Royal Palace Hotel, the Baltimore Chapter entertained the convention with a smoker. Friday evening the annual convention Ball was given at the New Lyceum Hall, and Saturday, after the close of the business sessions, a sightseeing tour of the city was conducted and the convention came to a close with a farewell dinner at the Royal Palace.

STUDENTS AT DRAKE AND IOWA FORM ALPHA CHAPTER

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity added another link to its chain of chapters between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts when on Thanksgiving day it established Alpha Nu chapter at Des Moines for the undergraduate students of Iowa State college and Drake university. The chapter was set apart by R. W. Cannon, druggist, Nu chapter of Minneapolis, and formerly national vice-president, and by D. N. Crosthwait, Jr., Theta chapter, Chicago, mechanical engineer, or Marshalltown, Iowa.

After the ceremonies refreshments were served and a smoker given to the delegates and members. The following officers were elected: President, R. B. Atwood; vice-president, Harold Tutt; secretary, Charles P. Howard; assistant secretary, F. D. Patterson; treasurer, L. A. Potts; historian, J. L. Lockett; correspondent to Sphinx, A. C. Aldridge.

TO DISCUSS JEW IN COLLEGE

New York Times
Convention of Zeta Beta Tau Will

Hear Report on Problem

The position of the Jew in college, a problem thrown into prominence by the situation at Harvard, will be fully discussed by the convention of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, a Jewish organization with chapters in thirty-two leading colleges including Harvard and Yale, now in session at the Hotel Plaza. The discussion will be based on the report of a special committee which has made a wide survey of conditions, with the co-operation of every undergraduate chapter, under the direction of Bernard Bergman of The Jewish Tribune.

At the opening session last night Rabbi Lewis L. Newman of the Temple Israel warned the delegates against "the breaking of the morale of the Jewish collegian because of the threat and actuality of discrimination. The Jew is always assailed when he becomes successful or numerous."

Harold Riegelman, Executive Nasi of the fraternity, said that Mr. Bergman's

report would put an end to the wide speculation and guesswork regarding the Jew's place in college. "The survey will present the facts," he said. "We will thrash out the question as to the relation between the increase in numbers of Jewish students and the increase of anti-Semitic feeling."

St. Louis Argus
This Year's Gathering Was
Greatest In The History
Of College Life. Attend-
Massacre
ed By Men Of Prominence

BALTIMORE, Md. Jan. 4.—No more Pennsylvania lines to take the dele-
inspiring occasion has occurred through gates to Washington where they were
out the history of Negro College life met by a train of busses which con-
than the record breaking 14th Anniversary of the Douglass home to
nual Convention of the Alpha Phi Omega the ceremonies of the
Alpha Fraternity held during the Fraternity in connection with its
days. December 27 to 31, inclusive, at a pilgrimage in honor of the great
Baltimore, Maryland to which overstatesman, Frederick Douglass.
three hundred Negro college men from Perhaps the most impressive ceremon-
all parts of the United States came ever held by a group in honor of
as representatives from 38 chapters of one of their own was conducted in
the Fraternity located at 60 of the one hour stay at the Douglass
largest colleges and universities in Home. The simple program began with
America. The inspiration of this epoch the singing of the "Battle Hymn of
making occasion was increased by the the Republic," and remarks by Oscar
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Delta Sigma Theta Meets

Baltimore Afro American
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 5.—The Delta Sigma Theta sorority, held its annual session at 12 P. M. C. A. building last week. One hundred, fifty delegates were in attendance. Dr. Sadie Tanner Mossell presided.

Kappa's In Cleveland

Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity, held their eleventh annual session here last week. 10/20/34 Five medals of honor were awarded E. W. Diggs, Irvin Armstrong and a diamond studded laurel wreath to the member who achieved most distinction during the year.

GREEK LETTER FRATERNITY HOLDS MEET IN CLEVELAND

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DELTA SIGMA

THETA CONVENTION

Good Work of Grand President Brings Appreciative

Re-election

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The annual convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was held December 27-29, at Gamma Chapter, University of Penn. It was spirited and stimulating to the hopes and aspirations of the Delta members and friends.

The opening session (the only one open to the public) was addressed by the active honorary member, Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, of Wilmington on "History of Club Movement Among the Negro Women." This session was held at the Y. M. C. A., 1724 Christian street. The subsequent sessions were all at the Bennett Clubhouse (the women's clubhouse) of the University of Pennsylvania. This is the first Negro convention to be held within the portals of the University of Pennsylvania.

There were delegates from the four corners (and the interior) of this country. Pride in our accomplishments and renewed energy for the immense work still to be undertaken was the keynote of this gathering of young college women. To cite the type of womanhood in Delta Sigma Theta, in our Alpha-Beta Chapter (a graduate chapter) of New York city, are Miss May Chinn, a

bacteriologist in a large New York hospital, Mrs. Paul Robeson (nee Miss Essie Goode) a chemist and pathologist in full charge of her department and laboratory of the Presbyterian Hospital (white), of N. Y. C., and Miss Annie McCary, who has her own real estate office in New York, and Miss Jessie Fauset, the literary editor of The Crisis, who represented the sorority at the Pan-African Congress recently.

The next convention will be held at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. The officers of the grand chapter for the coming year are: President, Sadie T. Mossell, Ph. D., Gamma Chapter, U. of P.; vice-president, Edwina Primas, Mu Chapter, U. of Pittsburgh; national representative, Ida M. Rhodes, Zeta Chapter, University of Cincinnati; corresponding secretary, Ethel La May, Zeta Chapter, University of Cincinnati; recording secretary, Edna M. Johnson, Beta Chapter, Wilberforce University; treasurer, Virginia Alexander, Gamma Chapter, University of Penn; parliamentarian, Eva Dykes, (Ph. D., Radcliffe), The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which held its annual session here recently threw a bombshell into the midst of the colored Greek letter fraternities by announcing several white women as honorary members.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Holds Most Inspiring Meeting in History of Negro College Life—Over 300 Delegates Present and 100 College Women as Visitors—Pilgrimage to Douglass Home Marked by Impressive Ceremonies

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—No more inspiring occasion has occurred throughout the history of Negro college life than the record-breaking 14th annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, held during the days, December 27 to 31, 1921, inclusive, at Baltimore, Md., to which over three hundred Negro

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Special to the Afro-American
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Since all of the college Greek letter fraternities are secret societies with more or less of a racial as well as an educational program, its action has aroused bitterness and hostility in college circles. It is said to be the first time that any college secret organization of this type has taken in a white person. Lines on the other side are just as tightly drawn in the Greek letter societies of big white colleges who have always refused to take in colored members.

Several members here have announced that they will take up action with other fraternities during the year and recommend that the Alpha Kappa Alphas withdraw their memberships offered to white people or be outlawed from the colored fraternal world.

college men from all parts of the United States came as representatives from 38 chapters of the fraternity located at 60 of the largest colleges and universities in America. The inspiration of this epoch-making occasion was increased by the presence of the 100 or more college women who accompanied many of the members of the fraternity to the convention. From the opening day of the

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Fine Ceremonies at Douglass Home

On the second day of the convention the full delegation made a pilgrimage to the home of Frederick Douglass in Anacostia, D. C. Arrangements had been made for special cars over the Pennsylvania lines to take the delegates to Washington where they were met by a train of busses which conveyed them to the Douglass home to witness the ceremonies of the fraternity in connection with its pilgrimage in honor of the great statesman, Frederick Douglass. Perhaps the most impressive ceremonies ever held by a group in honor of one of their own was conducted in the one-hour stay at the Douglass home. The simple program began with the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and remarks by Oscar C. Brown, the president of the Beta Chapter of the fraternity, followed by a word of welcome by Mrs. Leila Pendleton, representing the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, acting as hostess upon the occasion. The main feature of the program was the address of Dean George William Cook, a personal friend of the late Frederick Douglass, whose fine tribute to the words: "God made a gift to man in the Douglass person. Born for no meaner purpose than would challenge the gratitude of the world and make for itself a monument in the hearts of all appreciative race," touched the heart of the assemblage. "Our Pilgrimage," pictured by the national president of the fraternity, Simeon S. Booker, in word

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Visit Howard University

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